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SECRET ATLANTIC MEETING?

Speculation whether Mr. Churchill will cross the Atlantic to meet President Roosevelt at sea was prevalent in Washington yesterday.

WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES EXPRESSED DOUBT AND THERE IS NOTHING OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE SUGGESTION.

A message from the President's yacht, the Potomac, says President Roosevelt is continuing his cruise in northern waters to an undisclosed destination.

The Commander of the Atlantic Fleet, Rear-Admiral Ernest King, visited President Roosevelt in the Potomac off the New England coast yesterday and discussed naval matters.—Reuter.

Wang's Canton Speech

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Realisation of the ideals of "Asia for the Asiatics" and "the Orient for the Orientals" was urged by Wang Ching-wei in a speech at the opening of the Far East Journalists' Conference in Canton yesterday.

Wang recalled that Canton was the birthplace of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and declared the true meaning of Sun Yat-sen's revolutionary movement was Asiatic leadership as "recognising the aggression policy of Europe towards China, to believe in Sino-Japanese amity and to save Asia from this danger."

Wang called on Japanese Army Headquarters in Canton and exchanged greetings. He expressed gratitude for the military assistance "bringing increased peace to Kwangtung," and it is understood, requested continued assistance.—Reuter Special.

NO BOMBS ON BRITAIN IN DAYLIGHT

A very small number of enemy aircraft made brief appearances over coastal areas of Britain yesterday, says an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communiqué.

Up to 8 p.m. no reports of bombing had been received.—Reuter.

Long Convoys Of Lorries Pouring Out Of Saigon

THAILAND RECOGNITION OF MANCHUKUO

Thailand has recognised Manchukuo, says a Japanese report from Bangkok quoting a Thai Foreign Ministry announcement.—Reuter.

MOSCOW CALMLY CONFIDENT

Mr. Harry Hopkins, whose return to Britain from Moscow was announced on Sunday, was still resting in the country yesterday after his strenuous journey, according to official circles in London.

It may be assumed that before Mr. Hopkins returns to the U.S. he will be able to give Mr. Churchill an up-to-date account of his impressions of Moscow, which will be of great value.

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS MR. HOPKINS CONFIRMS REPORTS FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT STALIN AND SOVIET OFFICIALS IN GENERAL ARE HIGHLY CONFIDENT OF THEIR ABILITY TO WARD OFF GERMANY'S NEXT AND THIRD MAIN OFFENSIVE.—REUTER.

BRITAIN'S FOOD REQUIREMENTS

Two officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Mr. Paul Appacheby and Mr. R. M. Evans, will fly to London within the next few days to get a first-hand picture of British food requirements and to tell the people of Britain how American farmers are expanding their production to help supply those needs.—Reuter.

WHILE HALF A DOZEN JAPANESE FREIGHTERS CONTINUE TO COME UP THE SAIGON RIVER DAILY PAST FIVE DESTROYERS AND A CRUISER MOORED TO THE BUND, LONG LORRY CONVOYS ROLL TO THE THAI FRONTIER.

A large number of lorries have left Saigon since Saturday. A typical convoy consists of half a dozen Harley-Davidson motorcycle combinations and about 60 Chevrolet and Ford trucks, half containing 25 troops each, the remainder carrying a few troops and material, including small field-pieces and trench-mortars.

A few trucks trail long-barrelled 75's which are probably all-purpose guns with a high elevation against aircraft.

No heavy artillery has yet been seen although warehouses and docks are jammed with material.

It is now learned that except for a few hundred troops from Tongking the remainder of the Japanese forces arrived from Canton, a considerable proportion having seen service at Nanning.

It is understood all buildings surrounding the main square at Phnompenh have been commandeered by the Japanese and the occupation is proceeding apace.

Rainy Season

The present rainy season is likely to hinder the manoeuvrability of the Japanese forces and it is expected that they will be fully occupied for several weeks in consolidating their positions and building up military stores.

Japanese trucks at present are operating on their own imported gasoline.

Saigon remains quiet although American firms are taking immediate steps drastically to reduce the foreign staff.—Reuter.

SERIOUS BELGRADE OUTBREAK

Germans are alarmed by the serious turn that anti-Nazi disorders have taken in Yugoslavia.

A threatening proclamation by the German commandant in Belgrade warns the Serbs that "the hour is coming to decide on the rise or final descent of the Serbian people."

According to the Berlin correspondent of the Zurich "National Zeitung" the Nazis now admit that 500 or 600 "escaped convicts," whom they blamed for the disorders, have been joined by "other sections of the population."—Reuter.

SYRIAN HITCH

SEVENTY-FIVE BRITISH AND INDIAN OFFICERS CAPTURED DURING THE SYRIAN CAMPAIGN AND FLOWN BY VICHY PILOTS TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. IT WAS REVEALED IN DAMASCUS YESTERDAY.

All others captured in Syria, including British and Indian troops, were handed back in accordance with the terms of the Armistice.—Reuter.

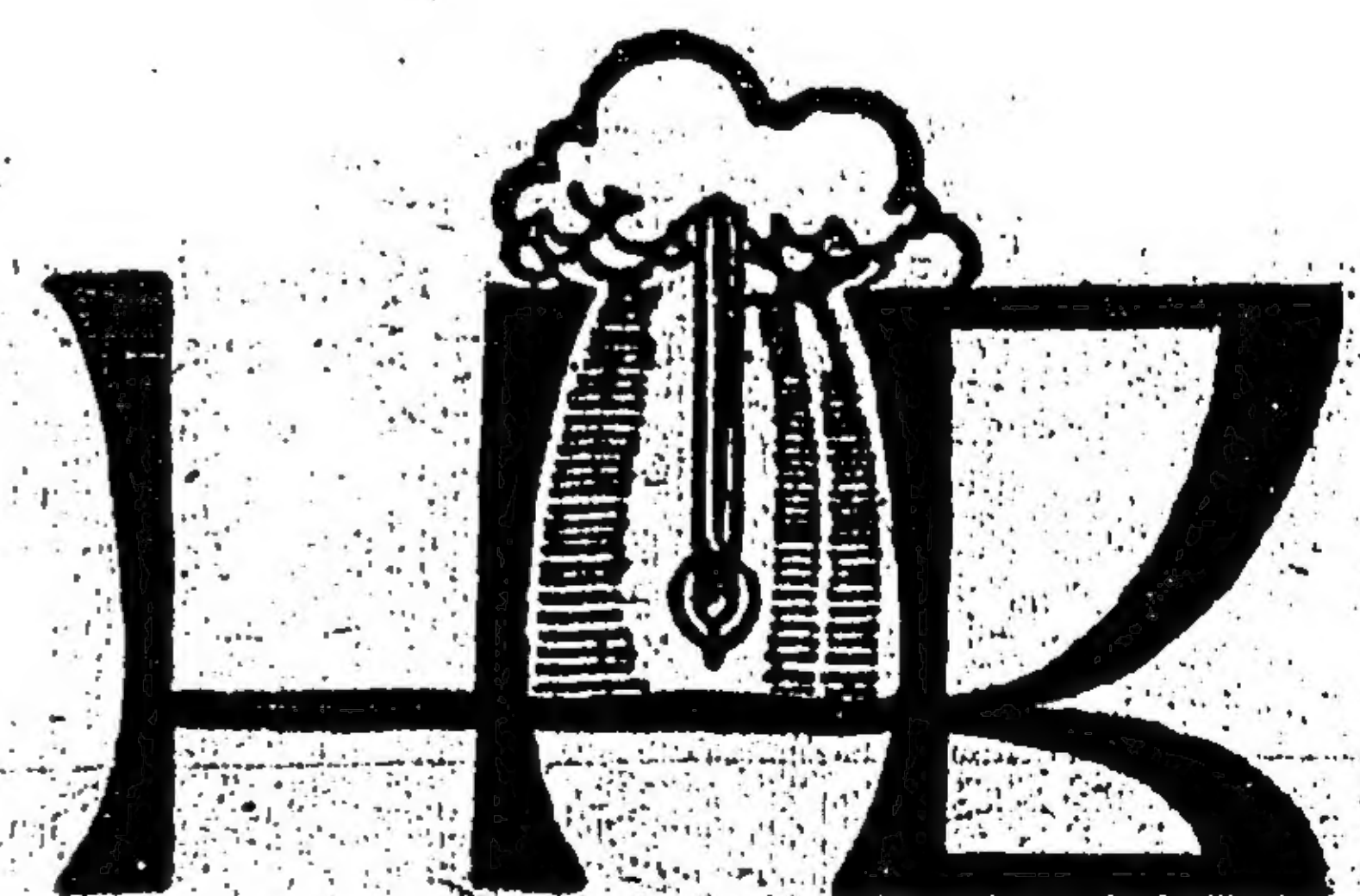
AMERICAN CRUISERS IN BRISBANE

The United States Navy Department has announced that the two heavy cruisers "Northampton" and "Salt Lake City" have arrived at Brisbane, Australia, on what is described as a training cruise.

THE COMMANDER OF THE TWO DESTROYERS IS REAR-ADMIRAL S. A. TAFFINDER.

THEY PUT INTO BRISBANE FOR REFUELLING AND SEVERAL DAYS RECREATION FOR THE CREW.—REUTER.

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China In Stronger Position In The Military Field

DANGER OF INFLATION

THE CHINESE FEEL THEY HAVE GAINED AND NOT LOST BY THE GERMAN ATTACK ON RUSSIA, SAYS "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT IN CHINA DISCUSSING THE SITUATION IN CHINA TO-DAY.

The Chinese, he says, are certain of their own ability, with the material help of other members of the A.B.C. front, to prolong the "China Incident" by another four years or longer.

Meanwhile they expect that it is Japan whose position is becoming more hazardous, beset by economic difficulties, uncertain of her friends and tempted by moves which might easily bring her into open conflict with Russia, Britain, the Indies and possibly the United States, when she already has over a million troops tied up in China.

What can Japan hope for? ask the Chinese.

Not to wind up the China Incident, now in its fifth year, not to win any enduring favour from Germany, likely to betray her as she betrayed Russia, not for the oil of the Indies, where the Dutch are ready to blow up the wells at a moment's notice.

Little Wonder

Little wonder that the Chinese feel if they can weather the economic crisis they can look forward to a future based on the assurance of an Allied victory, prerequisite for a real "new order" under which they can rebuild China for their own people and not for an alien taskmaster.

The correspondent emphasises that the chief field in which China requires help to-day is economic. He recalls General Chiang Kai-shek's repeated statements that the war of resistance is 30 per cent. military and 70 per cent. economic.

Most foreign observers, says the correspondent, are agreed that Japanese efforts to intensify the blockade of China will only bring about the economic collapse of China.

Danger Internal

The danger, he adds, is internal; if many of the problems are the inevitable result of four years of war the crucial test will be the manner in which they are tackled.

Although pretty sure of their ability to weather the economic crisis, the Chinese authorities admit that the control of food prices in the interior, despite the execution of food hoarders in Szechuen, is tending to get out of hand.

The new Food Ministry, when it gets into its stride, may be able to curb some or all the evils in the present situation.

Inflation Issue

Foreign experts are agreed that China's economic problems, of which inflation is the most serious, have not yet reached the fatal point, as they did in Germany when she collapsed after the last war, but they feel that forthright methods must be adopted, if ultimate disaster is to be averted and that this can be done if the Chinese show the same energy and courage as has brought them through so many other dangers.

The Chinese, if worried by the economic outlook, view their political future with greater confidence, says the correspondent.

The return of Mr. Quo Tai-chi as Foreign Minister is an event of the first importance not

only for China but for the other A.B.C. powers as well.

The vigour of Mr. Quo Tai-chi's policy from the moment of taking office set him in the forefront of Chinese leaders.

Cleared Ground

The severance of relations with the Axis powers cleared the ground in Chungking.

With Britain and the United States both represented by able ambassadors, it will not be Mr. Quo Tai-chi's fault if relations with the A.B.C. powers fail to acquire still deeper significance.

What the A.B.C. powers gained in China by the German attack on Russia, the Axis powers lost, adds the correspondent.

The cutting off of war supplies from the Far East, estimated at 30,000 tons a month, over the trans-Siberian railway alone, is itself a heavy blow.

Abrupt End

Hardly less serious is the abrupt end to Germany's growing trade by the same route in valuable exports by which she was trying to keep alive many of her connections in this part of the world, as well as South America.

It will be long before the German trader in China can hope to recover the almost privileged position and prospects he enjoyed in the pre-war enormous Chinese market. — Reuter.

TREASURY CALLS IN SECURITIES

The British Treasury announced yesterday that an Order has been made specifying American securities which the owners are required to place at the disposal of the Treasury for use as part of the collateral securities for the loan of \$106,000,000 from the U.S.

The owners are required to deliver documents of title. This should be done through a bank or stockbroker. Receipts will be issued for the securities.

It is emphasised these should be carefully preserved as it will be necessary in connection with any change of title to procure their eventual return to the holders.

Meanwhile the sterling equivalent of the dividends will be paid in accordance with instructions given to the Bank of England on the lodgment form. — Reuter.

COAL RATIONING POSSIBLE

The possibility of coal rationing in the coming winter was mentioned by Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, speaking during the coal debate in the Commons yesterday.

"It may well be," he said, "that in winter time we may have to have a comprehensive scheme of rationing for all non-industrial uses of coal and different forms of fuel."

"Though that may well be, I think we can be fairly certain that it is not likely that our war effort this winter will be impeded for lack of fuel or power, or that the public will still have to suffer an unreasonable rationing scheme." — Reuter.

NORWAY AND SOVIET RESUME RELATIONS

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS between the Norwegian Government and the Government of the U.S.S.R. are to be resumed.

Yesterday the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Dr. Trygve Lie, and the Ambassador of the U.S.S.R. in London, M. Ivan Maisky, exchanged letters in which both sides expressed the desire for an exchange of Ministers.

In connection with this announcement Dr. Trygve Lie has made the following statement through the Information Office of the Norwegian Government:—

"I am glad to use this opportunity in order to express pleasure at the resumption of our formal diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union."

"Norway has lived on terms of good neighbourly relationship with Russia for many years and during the period between the two World Wars there was never any conflict between the Governments of the two countries. Both parties naturally have the greatest interest in seeing that this good and friendly relationship is strengthened and developed."

Common Enemy

"We are particularly happy that it is possible for this to take place precisely at a time when the Russian Army and the Russian people are fighting an heroic battle against the German aggressors. It is a fight which arouses the admiration of the world."

"Hitler Germany is our common enemy and the attack on the Soviet Union is first and foremost an integral part of Germany's fight for world domination. The victory of Germany would mean oppression and slavery for Norway and for the whole world." — Reuter.

ITALIAN BUDGET

The Milan correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" says the Italian budget for the year beginning July 1 provides a milliard lire for the relief of needy families of men mobilised in Italy. — Reuter.

CHOLERA WORSENS ON ISLAND

Fifty-five cases of cholera were notified during the week-end, in the four days ended at midnight Monday.

The majority were from the Victoria district, which provided a total of 29 cases. There were 9 Kowloon cases in the four days, two from Shaukiwan, nine from rural Hong Kong, and five from the New Territories.

ECONOMIC DEMAND ON THAILAND

Many heavy Japanese bombers have arrived at a French air base in Cambodia which was surrendered to the Japanese by Vichy.

Japanese artillery and armoured units are stated to have left for an unknown destination and heavy concentrations of artillery are reported to be taking place on the Thai border.

Mr. Koh Ishii, Deputy Spokesman of the Information Board, admitted in Tokyo that Japan is making economic demands on Thailand or, as he described it, is continuing economic negotiations with Thai.

The "Kokumin Shimbun" stated that Japan's ambition did not stop at the coercion of Thailand and that Japan could not stop her co-prosperity sphere in East Asia without including the Netherlands East Indies.

"The Times" Warns

The London "Times" yesterday issued the following warning to Japan:—

"Japan must be left in no doubt that she will not be allowed to gain anything from her seizure of Indo-China or elsewhere and that Britain and the United States are determined to keep open China's lifeline on the Burma road," said the paper.

"Any further aggression will be immediately followed by most unpleasant consequences."

The economic measures taken against Japan are already having practical effect and consultations are going on with other Governments to make these measures even more effective. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S WAR EFFORT

MR. P. C. SPENDER, Australian Minister of War, has given figures revealing the extent of the Australian war effort.

He said that upwards of 50 naval vessels, including minesweepers, patrol vessels, and Tribal class destroyers would be built.

NURSES WANT PAY DOUBLED

Nurses in hospitals and institutions want more pay.

They are complaining at being ignored while those in the civil nursing service are being granted increased pay.

So the Royal College of Nursing, representing 30,000 fully-trained nurses and 8,000 students, has drawn up a proposed new scale of salaries which will be submitted to the Minister of Health.

If these demands were granted they would double nurses' salaries in most cases. Under the proposed scale staff nurses would start at £100 a year, ward sisters at £150, sister tutors at £300 and matrons in even the smallest hospital would start at £250.

The naval personnel had been increased by 350 per cent since the war began, and enlistments were continuing at the rate of 5,000 a year.

The Royal Australian Air Force strength now equalled three army divisions, while the Australians' share of the cost of the Empire Air Scheme was likely to be £60,000,000 by March next.

Originally, Australia undertook to provide 16,000 air crew personnel by next March and 10,000 thereafter, but these figures were increasing beyond recognition.

A.I.F. Casualties

Mr. Spender added that if the war extended beyond 1942, the annual army expenditure would more than total the army expenditure for the whole of the last war, namely £192,000,000.

He also revealed that the total A.I.F. casualties so far were 1,194 killed and 11,346 wounded or missing. — Reuter.

SIGNIFICANCE SEEN IN GEN. WAVELL'S INDIA APPOINTMENT

QUEEN TO BROADCAST ON SUNDAY

The Queen will broadcast a message to the women of America at 7 p.m. (G.M.T.) on Sunday.

The message will be broadcast in the U.S. by the Columbia, National and Mutual networks. It will be heard in the overseas programmes of the B.B.C. as well as in the home programmes. — Reuter.

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Two men who had been fined £100 each by a magistrate for failing to offer dollars for sale to the Treasury were each fined £1,500 at Bow Street.

The case had been remitted from the King's Bench Division, where the question had arisen whether increased penalties should be imposed.

The men were Anthony Ernest

THE IMPORTANCE of India in British war strategy is stressed by the Stockholm newspaper "Svenska Dagbladet," which refers to the prominent role of Indian troops in the Middle East fighting.

The newspaper says: "Indian arms production is even more important in the British war effort than the part played by the troops."

"Indian exports to the rest of the Empire increased by £20 millions last year thanks to her tremendously increased war material production."

"GENERAL WAVEILL'S TRANSFER TO INDIA WAS CLEARLY ACTUATED BY IMPORTANT MOTIVES."

"Whereas the position in Egypt is now stabilised, the struggle for position is commencing further east around Iran, while China is now being closely drawn into the British Asian plan, which is as much in the foreground of Anglo-Saxon consciousness as Europe."

Great Victory

"What about the Indians themselves?" General Wavell has taken various measures to stimulate the war effort and it is a great victory that members of Gandhi's party have joined the War Council."

Explaining the enormous difficulties of India, due to its different languages and races, the paper adds: "So far the British have succeeded in their task of joining all coloured peoples—except the Japanese—in united resistance against Germany." — Reuter.

Lamb, of Burgess Hill, Sussex, and Bertrand C. Lamb, of Worth, Crawley, Sussex.

AMERICA'S FORWARD STRIDES

The remarkable development in the measures of economic defence taken by the United States Government during the last six months were stressed by Mr. Hugh Dalton in the Commons.

Mr. Dalton, who is Minister of Economic Warfare, explained that the United States' export licensing system which now covers almost all commodities important for war purposes is being strictly enforced and is the most effective means of denying supplies to the enemy.

It is now being supplemented and aided by a big programme of purchases of strategic material in South America which will also deprive the Axis of valuable supplies.

The financial side of the blockade had been much strengthened by the freezing of German, Italian and Japanese assets, said Mr. Dalton in conclusion. He characterised America's measures as "remarkable." — Reuter.

CONGRESS WARNED

PRICE LEVELS SOARING

Mr. Leon Henderson, U.S. Price Administrator, yesterday informed Congress that the U.S. is faced with "a very strong and most pronounced increase in the cost of living" even if the Administration's recently introduced Price Control Bill became law immediately.

Testifying before the House Banking Committee as first witness on the new Bill, Mr. Henderson declared that even with the powers conferred by the Bill the Government would have "an enormous load" in trying to prevent the nation's "dynamic and volatile economy" entering the inflationary stage.

Mr. Henderson said the U.S. price structure was near the 1929 levels, and was heading towards the 1919 peak. "The country dare not take the chance of inflation. The result might be disastrous." — Reuter.

Gas Chamber

Their inquiries revealed that small quantities of a virulent poison were injected into the veins of the victims. Its presence could not be detected after death.

But this method, apparently proved too slow or too expensive, so the Gestapo installed a chamber and gassed the unfit just as dogs and cats are "put to sleep." Later still, an even simpler method was used. Air bubbles were injected into the veins and death followed immediately—the bubbles reached the heart.

Priests Gaoled

Once the facts became known, the Catholic Church in Germany began a crusade against the mass killings. They condemned sterilisation and euthanasia—easy death—and quoted the Vatican decrees that the executions were "contrary to natural and Divine law."

The Gestapo struck back. More than 300 priests were arrested and thrown into concentration camps. The Pope's decree was banned in all churches in Germany.

GESTAPO MURDERS "UNFIT" GERMANS

IN THREE MONTHS last year 85,000 "unfit" Germans — those suffering from incurable diseases, blind, mute and simply old persons — were murdered by the Gestapo.

It was no "mercy" killing. They were slain because, in the eyes of Hitler and his fellow-gangsters, they were useless and a burden on the community.

They could not fight or make munitions, they were poisoned.

The authority for these facts is none other than the Vatican. The College of Cardinals in Rome was asked by a German bishop whether, "by order of public authority, it is licit directly to kill those who, although they have committed no crime deserving death, yet, because of mental or physical defects, are no longer able to benefit the nation, and are considered rather to burden the nation and to obstruct its energy and strength."

Pope's Decision

The Cardinals have issued their answer, and it is published in the "Acta Apostolicae Sedis," an official Vatican publication, in which the Pope makes known to his bishops his views and rulings on matters of public policy.

The decree is headed: "Concerning the Direct Killing of the Innocent Done by Order of Public Authority," and states: "The killing of the innocent is contrary to natural and Divine positive law." The decree was approved by the Pope, who ordered it to be published.

The Gestapo massacres were not discovered until the priests attending patients at a big hospital near Urach, in Wurttemberg, found that the old people in the hospital

were dying very rapidly and that the deaths occurred on certain days.



In Africa's theatre of war—Australians watch the destruction of captured ammunition.

EXTENSIVE R.A.F. RAIDS IN MIDDLE EAST

A NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL operations by R.A.F. heavy bombers in Cyrenaica during the night of August 3/4 are recorded in yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

One formation attacked the port of Derina causing considerable damage and starting a number of fires. Two buildings at the base of a mole were destroyed.

Bombs were also dropped on the landing ground and on a battery, which was silenced.

Other aircraft attacked landing grounds and the dispersal area at Gazala and caused a series of explosions and several fires.

Huts and a camp in the vicinity were machine-gunned from a few hundred feet and about 25 tents caught fire.

An attack was made on enemy shipping off the coast near Apollonia and hits were made on one ship and possibly on another.

Enemy merchant ships were again attacked in the same area on Monday and two of them believed hit.

Tripoli Bombed

R.A.F. bombers made a successful attack in the harbour of Tripoli on August 5.

One merchant ship of about 800 tons was hit by a heavy bomb and a violent explosion which followed threw up a great quantity of wreckage into the air.

Two direct hits were obtained on military buildings which were also machine-gunned.

A reconnaissance of Reggio shows that in the attack reported in Monday's communique 10 Macchi 200's and a Breda 20 were destroyed, while about 20 more Macchis were damaged, several very badly.

From the above operations all the British aircraft returned safely. — Reuter.

the air blitz. Later she visited the South Bucks Hospital supply depot, and an A.R.P. centre.

INDIA'S NEW COUNCIL

Members-designate of the Governor-General of India's Executive Council were entertained by the Government at Claridge's Hotel, London, yesterday.

Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, presided.

Members of the United States civil defence mission were guests of the Government at a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, presiding.

Mr. John G. Winant, U.S. Ambassador, was among those present. — Reuter.

DUCHESS OF KENT PLAYS DARTS

Visiting the Slough Social Centre, the Duchess of Kent played darts. Though she scored 33 with three darts, she said she found the game a difficult one.

Afterwards she inspected the blood transfusion depot, where blood taken from workers is converted into plasma. She was told that dried blood from the centre had gone with British troops on every battle front, and had saved thousands of lives in the air blitz.

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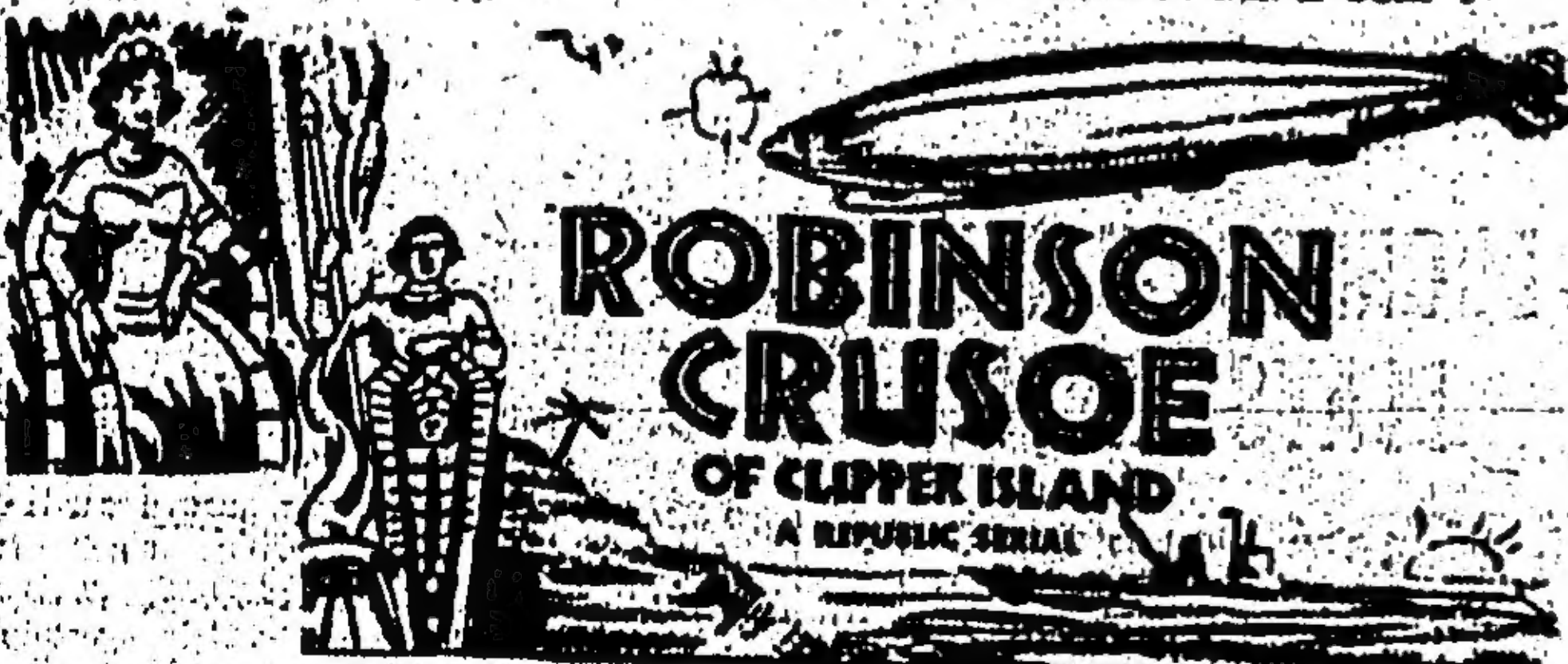
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MOSCOW AIR RAID DEFENCE HIGHLY DISCIPLINED

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent In Moscow)

MOSCOW HAS NOT yet experienced anything like London's gigantic fire raids, but it would already appear that the fire-fighting organisation is more disciplined and more complete than London's.

I talked to-day (Tuesday) with several women who received medals and other distinctions for gallant fire-fighting and the organisation thereof, and also with the assistant chief of Moscow's fire-fighting body, M. Pavlov, who is the recipient of the Order of the Red Banner.

M. Pavlov particularly dwelt upon the controversy as to whether incendiary bombs could be easily extinguished with water, contending that Moscow's experience had shown that if a bomb was tackled with water immediately after its fall, the danger of injury was negligible.

All the women dwelt on the enthusiasm with which the youth of Moscow participated in the fire-fighting and on the sense of social duty shown by the population of Moscow.

One pretty young working-class woman told how they learned from London's example that it was necessary to organise defence and how even before the war they had constituted fire-fighting teams for each committee.

The members were aged from 16 to 65.

Youthful Enthusiasm

Old people did marvelously and the enthusiasm of the youngsters could not be realised by those who had not seen it.

She told of one named Fomushkin, who, while extinguishing incendiary bombs, was flung some distance, clinging to a water-pipe, by the blast of a high-explosive bomb which fell in the same street. He picked himself up and continued to put out incendiaries, and also dived into the wreckage of a house to rescue an old man.

She added that it was a job trying to get people to go to shelter.

A young woman factory hand from the old part of Moscow which largely consists of small wooden houses, said that each house had its team of fire-fighters.

Emergency Water

Particular attention has been paid to emergency water supplies and numerous reservoirs have been dug by voluntary labour sufficient to provide for two hours a continuous stream of water.

Every team is provided with fire equipment including pumps, asbestos-lined gloves and caps, while tin hats are becoming more general. The watching of premises goes on through 24 hours with two-hour shifts, but as soon as a warning goes, everybody goes to the roof and each member of each team is responsible for a given section of the premises.

Fire-fighters from neighbouring houses are responsible for unattended premises like an evacuated school building.

One elderly housewife, whose husband is at the front, organised the fire-fighting over a considerable area and since the start of the blitz they have extinguished 60 incendiary bombs without a single outbreak of fire.

On one occasion, it is stated, sixty incendiary bombs dropped simultaneously on one roof and were put out immediately by ten fire-fighters. — Reuter.

NEED MORE PILOTS TO FERRY 'PLANES

Official forecasts of greatly increased aircraft production beginning in October are coupled with indications in authoritative quarters that scores of young American pilots would ultimately engage in ferrying combat craft to Britain.

For several months aircraft production has moved forward at a relatively slow pace. But by October, tributary industries will begin to turn out needed supplies in quantities which will permit plane manufacturers to run new assembly plants at virtually full speed with emphasis on the goal of 500 bombers a month.

Evidence of the size of eventual ferrying operations, both inland and transatlantic, lies in the fact that the ferry command has undertaken a programme of training 100 pilots a month in flying multi-engine planes. This is expected to provide more than adequate personnel for getting bombers to their coastal take-off points, but, in itself, leaves unsolved the big job of getting them across the Atlantic.

While the eventual solution might depend on the extent of American involvement in the war, several possible methods are beginning to be discussed. All involve the increased use of United States fliers over the Atlantic, since British and Canadians are required for combat service in England.

One possibility growing out of the recent occupation of Iceland is that the ferry command will turn over planes to the British in Iceland, going there by way of United States bases in Newfoundland and Greenland. Delivery to that point would reduce the ferrying job by about two-thirds.

Another possibility is that the Army Air Corps may permit some pilots to resign in order to join Atter's staff. It already has released some pilots and mechanics to join the Chinese forces.

Fighter Pilot's Requiem

The following verses were written by an R.A.F. officer at an operational station of Fighter Command in memory of a colleague killed in the Defence of Britain.

Here, in this quiet field beside the stream,
Pulsed and smote from war, your body lies,
The warrior's strife is now a fading dream,
The anguish swift-gone as the wind's shrill cries.

No nightlong vigil proved your chivalry,
No haughty crest your helmet did adorn,
On steel-wing'd charger without livery,
You strode the sky and put the wind to scorn.
Never again the earth in small to spy,
Between the edges of a sundring cloud
No more against the carrion bird to fly,
With falcon stoop and cannon crying loud.

Never again to see your father's farm,
The treasured acres, the squat house, the womb
Of an old race; never on Exmoor warm
In sunlight hear hound music cross the combe.

Never to be old, never to lift your eye,
Nostalgic, seeking in the skies you knew
With ageing mind to catch the memory
Of days when England owed so much to you.

You were a son of Alfred and his men
Who stayed the pagan onslaught at Wedmore,
Crusaders sired you; Drake's blood nerved you when
You turned a new Armada from our shore.

England rejoice! Rejoice to know your land
Breeds men who count below your liberty
The tawdry goldlust and the craven band
Who'd freedom pawn for slaves' security.

Seamen, they say, rest happy on the bed
Of ocean, on whose breast they had their toll,
You, who the sky commanded, we instead
Commit with pride to the proud English soil.

that point would reduce the ferrying job by about two-thirds.

Another possibility is that the Army Air Corps may permit some pilots to resign in order to join Atter's staff. It already has released some pilots and mechanics to join the Chinese forces.

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WAR IDEAS
BLOCKED

Many sensible suggestions, designed to increase the efficiency and the economy of the national war effort, have been made to Government departments.

But, because of tedious routine and red tape, they have been turned down.

And the people of ideas who have put forward these suggestions, seeing them blocked at every turn, have become discouraged.

Steam-Roller "Died"

Cases of this turning down of ideas are mentioned in the report of Select Committee on National Expenditure issued recently.

It also quotes a report by the officer in charge of a road construction company of the Royal Engineers, called in because of slow progress by the contractors, that a steam-roller handed over to him "more or less disintegrated after four days from senile decay."

LISBON THE CITY
OF WHISPERS

(By MARJORIE HIRD)

THE LIGHTS SHINE bright in Lisbon. There is music and dancing in the cafes; a housewife needs no ration card when she goes out shopping; the siren never shatters our sleep, and the whistle of a bomb is something the Portuguese would not recognise.

But the shadow of war hangs over every man and every woman, in the shape of a great, ugly suspicion. For the capital of Portugal is a city where trust has been banished until peace comes to Europe again.

My Hungarian host leaned across the table and whispered a hasty caution.

"Do you know that man sitting just behind you?" he asked.

It was a little Frenchman, a last-war veteran and a hero of this. Wounded at Dunkirk, he had been taken prisoner, shot his German captor and escaped to join cause with England.

"Clever fellow," confided my host. "One of the best men they have got."

I thanked him for his warning, and remembered the conversation

I had had two nights before with the "clever fellow." It was a harmless enough talk we had, but there was one serious note.

That came when he warned me to beware of the Hungarian who was now entertaining me. "Mind your step when you're with him," he had said. "He's working for both sides in the secret service."

So there is a rule of thumb for us "belligerents" who live in this neutral country.

It is to mistrust everybody—most of all the friendly neutral who offers his sympathy. Those four square-headed, guttural-voiced men dining over there now. No mistake about them. They are Germans. I am British, and we can at least be honest with each other. We exchange stiff bows and sometimes we discuss the weather and the casino.

The neutrals have less tact—or more cunning.

They, and the men who may be anything—the expatriate Frenchmen, Norwegians and Dutch—do not keep their conversations on the safe subjects which are all that the Germans and I ever mention.

So the Germans and I mistrust them all, and they are even suspicious of each other.

There is the American boy who has just joined the De Gaulle forces as a journalist. He came to buy me a farewell drink in a pair of trousers he had bought from a Dutchman we both knew.

"I thought you didn't trust him," I suggested, but he told me that his fears had been put at rest. The Dutchman was now with the R.A.F.

And when I mentioned this incident to Edmund, another American in Lisbon, he gave me a quizzical smile.

"Funny," he mused, "but I don't quite like that journalist. He may be on the level—but why is he rushing off to every war that happens?"

We are all suspects in this nerve war in a neutral land.

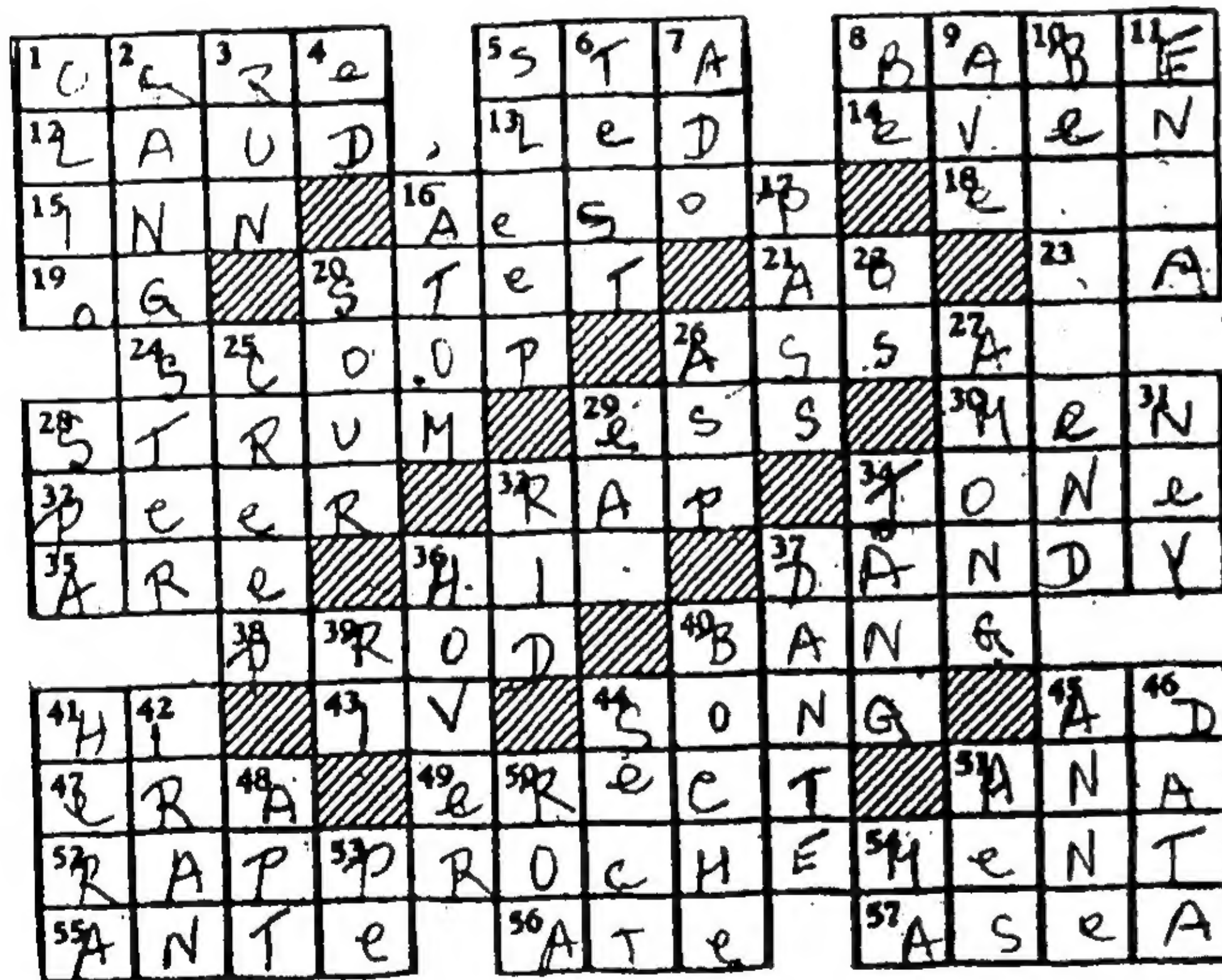
Last night the Hungarian who had been my host cut me dead, and a friend explained:

"He's just tipped me off that there seems to be something phoney about you," he grinned.

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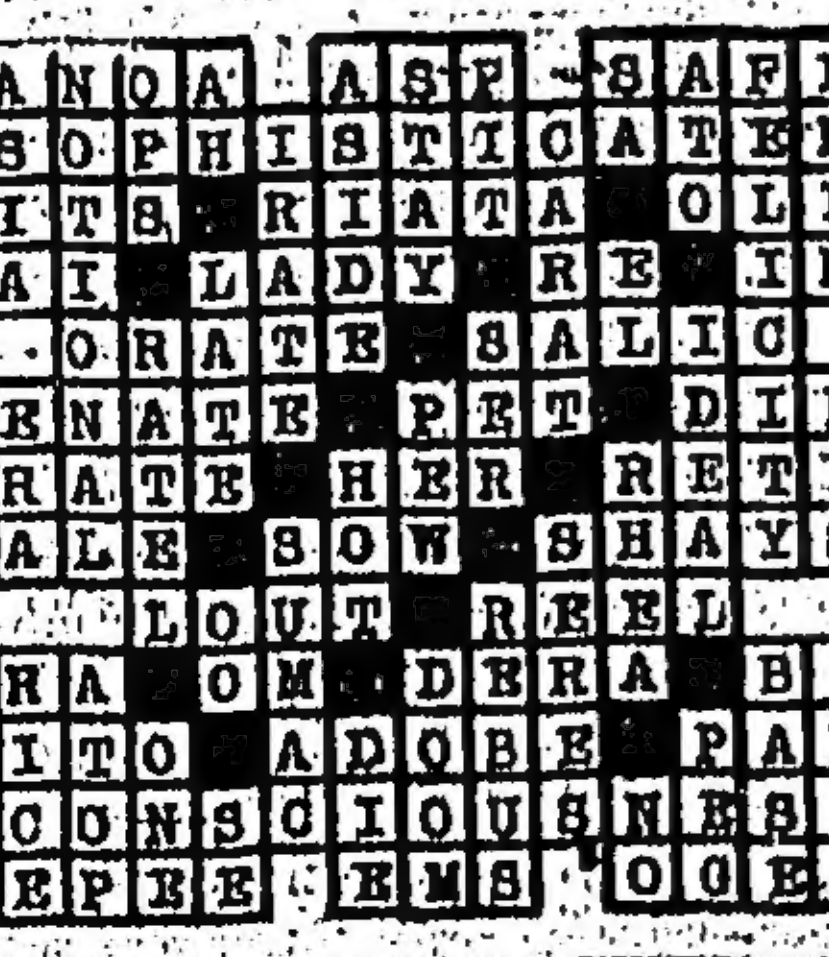
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- 11 Heraldic device
- 16 Small particle

17 Defile between mountains

- 20 Bitter
- 22 Bone
- 23 To crawl
- 26 Poisonous snake
- 27 Amid
- 28 Watering place
- 29 To bring forth
- 31 French marshal
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- 34 Taste
- 36 To hang fluttering in the air
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- 39 Japanese measure
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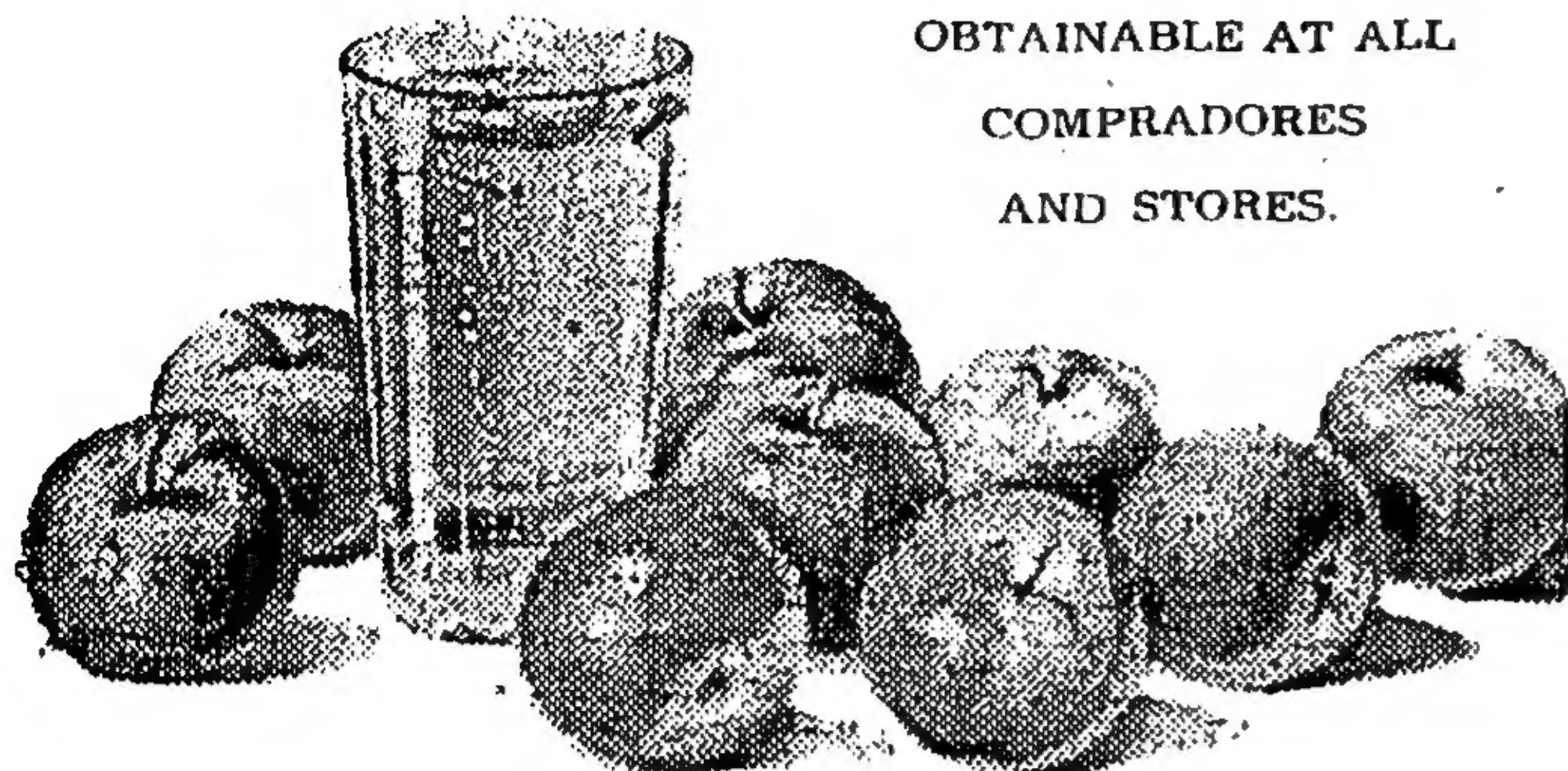
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**Hopkins Promises
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HARRY L. HOPKINS, supervisor of the United States lease-lend programme, paused in the midst of a hurried series of meetings and conferences, that had included attendance at one Cabinet meeting, within a few hours of his arrival, to explain the primary reason for his visit.

It was, he said, for the purpose of discussing all phases of American aid to Britain.

The scanty picture he gave of the American industrial effort to supply the sinews of war as well as food and fire-fighting equipment for the civil defence struck British newspaper men who heard it as being, from their point of view, the most optimistic news they had had from America in a long time. The newspapers gave banner headlines to the accounts of his interview.

There were audible gaspings at Mr. Hopkins's suggestion that the American shipping output for 1942 would reach 6,000,000 tons. The possibility of any such output had been seriously questioned here for a long time.

Shipping Plans

"We are launching the biggest merchant shipbuilding programme ever undertaken by any country," Mr. Hopkins said. "We are going to build enough ships to bring our goods to the United Kingdom and into every theatre of war in the world where the democracies are fighting Hitler. This year America is building 1,000,000 tons of merchant shipping and there will be 6,000,000 next year, with substantially more in 1943.

"The whole production effort, both of your country and ours, must be to supply munitions of war sufficient to overwhelm the Fascist dictatorships. It is the purpose of our productive effort and that is the only purpose—to whip this fellow Hitler—and I am convinced that between the British Empire and the United States and those other countries that are still free that we can make this mechanised equipment in vastly superior quantities.

"All those oppressed peoples who are worrying about how this war is coming out must realise that this war just cannot be lost.

"In America production is increasing every month and is going to increase every month until it is far more extensive than anybody realises."

Guarantees Arrival

Replying to a question about United States Navy escorts to see the goods delivered to Britain with a minimum of loss, Mr. Hopkins said:

"You are all probably familiar with the President's statement. He said 'our goods are going to arrive.' All I can say is that we are going to do it. We are going to protect those ships but I cannot discuss details."

There was, in subsequent replies, a suggestion of how Iceland, important as an outpost militarily, is also available for ships flying the American flag now prohibited by law from entering belligerent waters. It was possible, Mr. Hopkins said, to make it a control point where the goods could be transferred.

Mr. Hopkins said that in addition to munitions and other war materials the United States intended to see that huge quantities of food were supplied.

"We are going to see that food and adequate amounts of cheese, dairy products, fats and pork products get over here. The things you need are things requiring a major change in our agricultural economy, which is a great increase in dairy and pork products."

Extended To 1943

Inferentially, Mr. Hopkins revealed the American view that the all-out effort would be necessary until the end of 1943 at the earliest.

"Plans are being made right through 1943 to make sure that the food required to supplement your own productions will be pro-

duced to the necessary extent," Mr. Hopkins said.

On the subject of aircraft Mr. Hopkins said:

"We have launched our vast programme of aircraft production, which is moving rapidly ahead. Great new factories will soon be coming into production, particularly for those heavy four-engined bombers which can reach the easternmost parts of Germany and knock out their factories and sources of supply. We are convinced that between England and America we can produce far more of those planes per month than Germany can, and better ones."

**R.A.F. WRECKS
AACHEN AND
MUENSTER**

At least one-third of each of the German cities of Aachen (Aix-a-Chapelle), with 165,000 population, and Muenster, with 144,000, has been destroyed in recent Royal Air Force bombing raids or so seriously damaged that repair work will require months of labour, the Air Ministry states.

Britons declare that the destruction at Aachen and Muenster, two German centres of rail transport for war materials needed by the Nazi war machine on the Russian front, has avenged Coventry and Plymouth, two of Great Britain's worst-hit cities.

Yet, the Air Ministry pointed out, Aachen and Muenster are but two of the targets battered incessantly during the last four weeks.

The heavy raid on Aachen, an industrial centre at the German-Belgian frontier, was made on July 10. Tons of explosives, including some of the R. A. F.'s powerful new bombs, and 7,000 incendiary bombs, were dropped on the city.

Daytime reconnaissance since has shown widespread havoc, chiefly in the centre of the city, but in two other chief areas as well. Craters in roadways gave evidence of a disorganised state of traffic, gas, electricity, and telephone services.

**PRIESTS
RESIST
QUISLING**

THE SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS FROM NORWAY THAT OUT OF MORE THAN 1,000 NORWEGIAN PRIESTS ONLY TWENTY-SIX HAVE RESPONDED TO MAJOR VIKKUN QUISLING'S DEMAND TO PUT THEIR SIGNATURES TO AN APPEAL "OF THE NORWEGIAN PEOPLE FOR A DECISIVE STRUGGLE AGAINST BOL-SHEVISM AND THE INTERNATIONAL GODLESS MOVEMENT."

The Norwegian bishops, who after several months of unsuccessful effort were finally authorised to hold a meeting in Oslo recently, are being urged by the National Samling to make a declaration in the same sense. Major Quisling's official "Fritt Folk" expresses the hope that the bishops "will dispel the doubts about their position and fight for Christianity's cause despite England and rumours and lies and other anti-Christian things."

**"V" FOR
VICTORY
DRIVE**

The major short-wave radio broadcasters in the United States have taken up the subtle "V" campaign.

In at least ten foreign tongues, listeners in the nations now under Nazi domination are reminded nightly that the letter "V" is symbolic of victory for the Allies and therefore of their eventual liberation.

The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System have carefully avoided presenting the subject in a manner that would bring accusations of propagandising from American stations. But their news commentators report regularly on the progress of the British campaign to have the "V" spread in every possible way across the Continent—in chalk on sidewalks, in paint on walls, in tapped Morse code (three dots and dash) on table tops and glasses.

The word for victory does not begin with V in all European languages, but broadcasters have found other words beginning with V that could be used to stimulate hope and resistance. Vitestvo, meaning heroism, has been used in Serbian broadcasts; vrijheid, meaning freedom, in Dutch, although victoria is familiar to the Dutch people, too. In Czech victory is vitezstvi, in Polish wycienstwo.

Germans say sieg and Norwegians seier. However, the fact that the Germans have found it advantageous to present the "V" campaign as their own has been interpreted here as proof that many German and Scandinavian listeners had caught on to the meaning.

Victory Song

Recently a "Victory Song" was presented to Bundles for Britain, Inc., to be used in its campaign. Its authors are Saxie Dowell and Bill Livingston and its publisher Dash Connelley, Inc., which published "There'll Always Be an England." The song goes:

V stands for Victory.
V is our call.
Symbol of liberty.
Freedom for one and for all.

V stands for victory.
V is our call.
We will know victory.
For V is the sign of freedom for one and for all.

Men on the street
Tap on the beat:
V for victory
Write on the wall,
Join in our call:
V for victory.

People enslaved
Soon will be saved
We will set them free.
V stands for victory
V is our call.
We will know victory
For V is the sign of freedom for one and for all.

Part of the royalties from the songs and part of the publisher's profits, it was said, will be donated to Bundles for Britain.

**BLIND, STEERED
ON TO SAFETY**

When a British ship was attacked by a Nazi plane the quartermaster got a bullet through an eye.

Despite his injury he went back to the wheel and continued to steer the ship all through the action.

Bombs set the ship on fire, but the captain and several others stayed on board and succeeded in bringing it home.

The story was told in the list of awards issued recently. Captain William Royal Thomas received the O.B.E., Fourth Engineer Peter Gibb Johnstone the M.B.E., and Quartermaster George Taylor, who was shot in the eye, the George Medal.

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THE SHADOW OF NAPOLEON

Through the fog of claim and counter-claim the certainty has emerged that the Germans have sustained a check. Perhaps it is only momentary, and the battle will roll on to-morrow; even so, in six weeks of heavy fighting they have achieved no strategic success comparable to the Sedan break-through, they have clearly failed to cut the Red Army into fragments or paralyse any great sections of it. So Napoleon, advancing in the famous summer of 1812, with his earlier version of the same tactics of speed and encirclement, consistently failed to close his pincers, to bring off his combinations or secure the decisive battle on which he counted. And so the pale ghost of that earlier corporal looms, just a little larger than before, just a shade more ominous, over the Hitler field headquarters.

It is curious how that shadow has grown. We were reminded of it—years ago, it now seems—in Spain. With the first crash of bombs on Poland it was evident that these, in a sense that was never true of 1914-18, were Napoleonic times. When Hitler's barge fleets appeared in the Channel ports we all saw Napoleon's flatboats at Boulogne; and when he switched his planes and tanks from the invasion of Britain to sudden, crashing victory in the Balkans, it was Napoleon, swinging suddenly eastward to Austerlitz, all over again. But it could not be; everything was different, politics, tactics, weapons, economics, propaganda. The parallel was a patent illusion. Yet, with all the differences of time and tempo, the parallel only grows, as if by a kind of remorseless inevitability.

What are Hitler's desperate attempts to organise the economy of all Europe except a modern version of the Berlin decrees and the Continental system? What was the Peace of Tilsit in 1807, with its mystery, its secret division of expected spoils and its utterly anomalous "ideological" base, except the prototype of the Berlin-Moscow pact? And now we are in 1941, after the same prelude in the steady massing of troops on both sides of the border, after the same sudden surprise attack, made with the same inexplicability of under-



HAVE YOU EVER SEEN AN "OSTRICH" KICK?

"Shooting War" Seen

The war has reached two major crises. As the greatest campaign in military history approaches its climax in Western Russia, United States sailors and marines have landed in Iceland, 600 statute miles from German-occupied Norway.

They were makers of history. For the American occupation of Iceland must have incalculable consequences upon the course of the war.

Iceland has been occupied by British troops since May, 1940, first by a small force of Canadians, later by a larger British force. The strength of these troops at their maximum was estimated popularly at 60,000 to 80,000 men, but it is doubtful if it reached more than one-third to one-half of these figures. These British troops, who have been guarding Iceland against possible German seizure and hence a German threat to the northern sea approaches to the British Isles—670 miles away—will now be withdrawn gradually and freed for duty elsewhere. Although the British will retain the right to use Iceland as a naval base, and possibly as an air base, the British garrison will be entirely replaced by

American troops, who will assume sole responsibility for its defence during the course of the war.

Reykjavik, Iceland's port, is 950 miles from Julianhaab, Greenland, where American troops are already stationed, and Julianhaab in turn is 1,000 miles from St. Johns, Nfld., another American outpost, which in turn is 1,250 miles from New York. As planes must fly—with stops at these intermediate ocean

effective—a great increment of strength will be added to the British attempt to defeat Reichsfuehrer Hitler's counter-blockade.

But these things cannot be done, Iceland cannot be guarded indefinitely without shooting; of this there is no doubt.

American objectives in a "shooting war" are not yet defined, however. Are we still fighting a war of limited liability, a strategically defensive war, in which some of our military strength is to be used for the purpose of preventing an outright German defeat of Great Britain and the British Empire? Or is the occupation of Iceland the first step in what eventually is to become an "all-out" offensive effort, not only to prevent the defeat of Britain, but to insure the defeat of Germany? Until these questions are answered the extent of U.S. participation in the war cannot be gauged.

But it is already evident that that participation, regardless of objective, must be considerable. The garrison sent to Iceland probably must eventually grow to the equivalent of at least two divisions, perhaps more. It must include a considerable number of anti-aircraft regiments and coast artillery. The latter may take over the coast defence guns the British already have installed (though an ammunition problem would be involved) but United States troops will probably bring their own anti-aircraft guns and all other equipment with them, and may supplement British coast defence guns with some of their own.

Some of the British air and naval sites may also be taken over, though it is likely that the British will retain some of these for war operations. Iceland has a rugged coastline of some 3,700 miles, deeply indented by fjords, so that surveillance of such a coast is a difficult one, and must be undertaken chiefly by naval vessels and planes. America probably will maintain a considerable naval force in or near its waters, basing, perhaps in Hvalfjörður, a fjord about fifteen miles north of Reykjavik, which the British are believed to have used as one of their bases. Naval patrol flying boats with long ranges, Consolidated, land bombers and probably many reconnaissance and some pursuit planes will complete the defences.

Since it is obvious that once occupied, Iceland must be held regardless of the threat, and since Iceland is plainly in the war zone, the strength of the force there must tend to increase with time.

By Hanson
W. Baldwin

outposts—Iceland is, therefore, 3,200 miles away, a distance that is shortened by direct, great-circle routes to about 2,834 miles.

Held Implied

Geographically and strategically there are differences of opinion as to whether or not Iceland is part of the Western Hemisphere. This does not now matter. For Iceland, whether or not it was pertinent to Western Hemisphere defence, was already protected by British troops who are probably better trained and equipped for such a task than the relatively green troops that will relieve them.

Moreover, the President accompanied his announcement of the occupation of Iceland with an even more important announcement. He said:

"I have . . . issued orders to the Navy that all necessary steps be taken to insure the safety of communications in the approaches between Iceland and the United States, as well as on the seas between the United States and all other strategic outposts." These measures, therefore, obviously imply:

1. First evidence of the government's intention to help Britain with military means.
2. Our definite participation in a "shooting war."

To Britain, the United States occupation of Iceland is far less important in a military than in a morale sense. It offers evident implications of greater aid to come. And the President's "orders to the Navy" promise material relief to a Britain hard-pressed upon the seas, for if our Navy takes any and all measures to "insure communications"—patrolling and conveying by surface and air units and shooting and bombing to make such measures

lying motive. And just as the last years of the Napoleonic empire saw it meeting the main shock upon the east, while an unconquered Britain, hanging upon its rear in Spain, wasted French strength, so the same Britain hangs again upon Hitler's rear, making with her bombers much the same sort of contribution.

The conclusion? There is none. It is true that the differences in detail are as immense as the similarities in the broad historical outlines, and the end may be anything. But before the seeming remorselessness with which these broad outlines have reappeared, one is led to wonder. Do they often think of Napoleon at Hitler's field headquarters?

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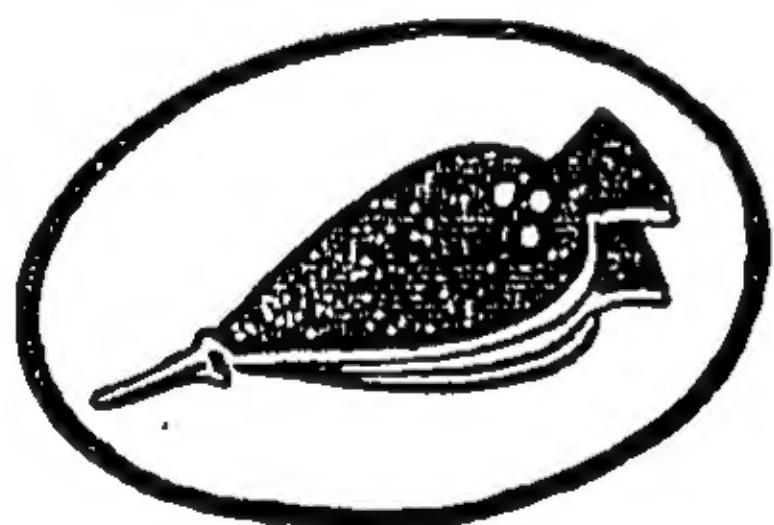


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Vigorous indications of construction, marked by riveting, pounding, hammering and machine building, greet the visitor with hearty violence, and the sight of submarines, destroyers, motorboats and cruisers proves the determination with which the local Dutchmen are going about their work of defying the Japanese and challenging the Germans, firm in the conviction that they can defend their island empire successfully.

The size and the extent of the building activities strike the observer at the start, but the sight which is likely to prove most impressive is that of the thousands of industrious little Javanese working earnestly at the business of preparing the implements of battle. These slight, grave, rather sweet-faced natives, labouring over machines, blueprints and precision tools, present a picture of Eastern skill and determination that suggests something of the coming power of the Orient.

Their gift for concentration is tremendous, their skill and determination are remarkable, and their unvarying capacity for being interested and precise in their work is likely to be a revelation to the Western observer. It is said by those in charge of their activities that they are not well equipped for a diversity of jobs, but that with one particular task to perform, no matter how monotonous it might seem to an outsider, they are careful, tireless and dexterous, and the quality of their craftsmanship is exceptional.

Sailors At Hand

Coming from generations of experts in the arts and crafts of their race, they bring to their work a meticulous concern that is not the customary state of things in modern large-scale industry. Likewise they have a gift for being interested in the performing of one monotonous task over and over that eludes the more restless and active-minded Western worker.

It is rather a far cry from these brown, intense little fellows to the stalwart sailors of the Royal Dutch Navy, but between them they provide a great deal of the hope for the safety of the Dutch East Indies against Japanese and Nazi aggression. It must be noted at the start that these upstanding naval men belong to the navy of Holland rather than of the Indies.

The difference is somewhat more than nominal. It means that they are closer to the problems, the interests and the loyalties of Europe than the men of the Dutch Indies, who are chiefly concerned with the problems of this new empire.

Navy Problems

It means that the contacts they have had with the European aspects of the present war are likely to have been through their own experiences, rather than through those of their relatives in the homeland. When I had lunch aboard one of the destroyers at the naval base three of the young officers of the ship told me they had been in Holland when the Nazis invaded the country and had escaped amid an immediacy of adventure that obviously meant much to them.

The problems of the navy, which include the patrolling of the vast reaches of these great Eastern seas sacred to Joseph Conrad, a task that must give all young mariners from the European Netherlands a sense of the magnificence of empire in the tropical expanses of Holland's Asiatic offshoot, inevitably provide the fine officers of the Royal Dutch Navy with a pride in their destiny in this archipelago. It seems true, though, that they retain a certain primary concern with the vital importance of Europe that is not always to be found among those to whom the Indies are the homeland.

U. S. Instructors

The Dutch sailors' understanding of their Eastern empire extends, I should add, to its gustatory aspects. The lunch aboard the destroyer consisted of an admirable rijstafel, which was a tribute both to the native excellence of this national dish of the Indies

and to the expertness of the cooking.

Among the gallant sights of the naval base is a submarine which, in the golden days of 1937, made a trip from Holland to New York amid considerable publicity. This refugee from the German invasion is still in splendid shape, and its original commander, Staff Officer Van Waning, was my guide aboard her.

Near by is the naval air base, at which a group of American aviators are acting as instructors to the young Dutch flyers. It cannot be said that the Indies are receiving as much material from the United States as is desired, but these instructors are helping to make up this deficiency.

Incidentally, it is the pride of the naval base that it is now in a position to construct anything it can get material for. The base seems as unafraid as the navy itself.

"RED" CHARGE IS DENIED

DR. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, MISS STORM JAMESON, MR. E. M. FORSTER AND DR. G. P. GOOCH ARE AMONG THE SIGNATORIES TO A STATEMENT LAST MONTH DENYING ALLEGATIONS THAT THE FREE GERMAN LEAGUE OF CULTURE IS "COMMUNIST CONTROLLED."

Such a statement declared the signatories, is calculated to do serious damage to the only mass organisation of German refugees in Britain.

"The League takes most seriously its task of keeping alive the spirit of what is best in German culture. It is a cultural and welfare organisation, and in contrast to totalitarian organisations, takes members of every political creed as long as they are against the Hitler system."

The hope is expressed that the T.U.C. which made the original charges, will withdraw them.

WHEN HITLER DIES

"I believe that when Hitler dies, the word 'London' will be found written upon his heart," declared Mr. Arthur Greenwood, at a Bexley War Weapons Week meeting, recently.

"In the eyes of history," he added, "the name of London will be synonymous with German failure."

"We are a slow-moving people, but Hitler is finding that the greatest and most costly mistake he has made was to regard the British race as decadent, spineless and slothful."

U.S. WORKERS SEND MILK WITH TOOLS

A box of 48 pint tins of evaporated milk was found in each of three cases of machine tools from America received at a Ministry of Supply ordnance factory recently.

Attached to each box was a typewritten slip, which read:—"The employees of Jones Machine Tool Works, Cincinnati, Ohio, have sent this box of evaporated milk to the employees where this machine has been sent. The milk is intended for your children and has been sent without the knowledge of the purchasers of this tool or any agent connected with same."

"We trust this food will be distributed where it is most needed."

The milk has been sent to children in a heavily raided area. The machine tools are already helping to produce guns.

BIGGER SICK PAY FOR 17,000,000 WORKERS

ABOUT 17,000,000 insured workers—10,500,000 men and 6,500,000 women—will get bigger benefits under the National Health insurance scheme from January next. Sickness and disablement benefits will be raised by three shillings a week.

Nearly half a million more black coat workers are to be brought into the compulsory health and pension scheme by raising the salary limit to £420 a year.

The Minister of Health announced this in the Commons. He said that sickness benefit for a man would be raised to 18s. and disablement benefit to 10s. 6d.

For single women and widows the new rates would be 15s. and 9s. respectively, and for married women 13s. and 8s.

This is the first time for twenty years that there has been a general rise in benefits.

These increases are being made to meet the needs of wartime conditions.

State Grant

The changes will be made possible by payment of State grant and by increasing by 2d. weekly contributions of men and women, 1d. of this increase to be borne by the employer.

The State's share of this cost will total £1,300,000 in the first year.

Increased cost of pensions—through bringing in the £420-a-year worker—will be £1,000,000 a year for the first ten years, after which it will rise quickly to £2,000,000.

Power will be sought to deal with the position in insurance of civilian prisoners of war, and other similar war problems.

The Bill would be an interim measure, said the Minister, but the Government hoped in due course thoroughly to overhaul existing schemes of social insurance particularly health, pensions, insurance and workmen's compensation.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Shanghai on account of Cholera.

45% IN WHO'S WHO WANT U.S. IN WAR

FROM TIME TO TIME it has been suggested that a nation-wide survey be taken of informed opinion, rather than mass opinion, on the great issues of to-day — a poll of the attitudes of prominent and successful people toward war, aid to Britain and other public questions.

There has always been a controversy in American history between the Hamiltonian school of thought which holds that the country should be guided by the informed and educated few, and the Jeffersonian theory of rule by the whole people as sovereign.

To-day the nation stands at the cross-roads between peace and war. How much difference is there between the views of the general public and the views of the select few?

For purposes of comparison the American Institute of Public Opinion has conducted a survey among a cross-section of persons listed in "Who's Who in America" — the most outstanding and successful people in education, science, law, the clergy, medicine, business, government, the arts and other walks of life. The same ballot questions were put to this group as have been put to a cross-section of the American voting public.

A comparison of results shows that the Who's Who group is twice as much in favour of entering a shooting war now as the general public is, and considerably more in favour of American naval convoys than the public is.

The contrast in attitudes, as revealed by the institute's study, follows:

"If you were asked to vote to-day on the question of the United States entering the war now against Germany and Italy, how would you vote—to go into the war now, or to stay out of the war?"

VOTE OF WHO'S WHO
Go in 45%
Stay out 55%
VOTE OF GENERAL PUBLIC
Go in 21%
Stay out 79%

"Do you think the United States Navy should be used to convoy ships carrying war materials to Britain?"

VITAL ROLE OF SIGNAL CORPS

Probably there are a good many old soldiers who think of "Signals" still as a branch of the Royal Engineers. But that has not been so for 20 years.

In the army areas to-day you see men with a badge representing the god Mercury — a badge unknown in the '14-18 war. It is that of the Royal Corps of Signals, an offspring of the Royal Engineers which now leads an independent existence.

An invitation to visit an army corps in the Eastern Command afforded opportunity to see something of the organisation and work of the Royal Corps of Signals, particularly in a divisional unit.

Battles have been won and lost by signals. The Russian defeat in East Prussia in 1914 was largely the fault of the Russian signals. The B.E.F. was as well provided as any army of the time, but during the retreat from Mons Sir John French was never in touch with the War Office.

Part Played By Radio

Nothing brings home the complexity of the modern war machine more than the telephonic service of present-day Divisional Signals. To-day wireless transmission is everywhere a supplement to the telephonic lines which themselves have been multiplied.

One aspect of Divisional Signals is a mobile telegraph office and telephone exchange, complete with repair shops for switchboards and wireless sets.

One idyllic branch of the Royal Corps of Signals is formed by the pigeon companies. In each command there is a pigeon officer. Dogs, on the other hand, are not much considered by the Royal Corps of Signals.

PILOT WHO WOULDN'T GIVE IN

Wounded in the head and shoulders during daring attacks in Libya, a young R.A.F. pilot found he had 250 miles to travel before he reached his base.

Gradually his strength failed, but by a superhuman effort he fought back unconscious until he reached the British lines.

He made a successful landing behind the lines. Then he collapsed.

The pilot received his wounds in an attack on the aerodrome at Gazala. Diving very low despite heavy A.A. fire, he shot up and destroyed two enemy planes on the ground.

He then swooped on a concentration of mechanised transport, braving a hail of machine-gun bullets.

EX-PREMIERS ILL-TREATED

The doctor attending the former French leaders, imprisoned at a chateau near Riom, has protested against "inhumane treatment" of the deposed statesmen.

The charge was made by Dr. Roulet in the Paris "Le Matin" in telling of the living conditions of the former Premiers Daladier and Blum, General Gamelin, former Allied Generalissimo, and Guy la Chambre, ex-Air Minister.

Dr. Roulet said that in winter heating was not provided.

Another complaint referred to the unclean condition of linen used by the prisoners.

VOTE OF WHO'S WHO
Favour convoys 64%
Oppose convoys 29%
No opinion 7%

VOTE OF GENERAL PUBLIC
Favour convoys 56%
Oppose convoys 35%
No opinion 9%

"So far as you personally are concerned, do you think President Roosevelt has gone too far in his policies of helping Britain or not far enough?"

VOTE OF WHO'S WHO
Too far 16%
About right 53%
Not far enough 31%

VOTE OF GENERAL PUBLIC
Too far 23%
About right 55%
Not far enough 22%

Only future historians will be able to decide which set of views at this time—those of the Who's Who group or those of the general public—proved the wisest and most practical in the light of subsequent events. For the record, it is noteworthy that the general public is substantially less interventionist at this time than the Who's Who group.

TURKISH TROOPS GREET BRITISH AT SYRIAN FRONTIER

AT THE SYRIAN-TURKISH border last month, British and Turkish troops greeted each other in a symbolic gesture as the Allied occupation of Syria's strategic points was completed by a British motorised column from the Aleppo region.

Following the armoured cars, I drove here with several British officers and correspondents, writes Russell Hill. A milestone on the Aleppo-Antioch road, within sight of a medieval castle, states that Aleppo is twenty-five miles away in one direction and Alexandretta sixty miles in almost the opposite direction. A few yards from the first stone is another, which marks the boundary line between Turkey and Syria.

The British armoured cars passed the Syrian customs house, the functions of which are being carried on by the same officials who were in charge before the capitulation of the Vichy administration. The armoured cars continued on four miles through a kind of no-man's-land, until they reached a marker which shows the end of Syrian territory and the beginning of Turkish. From the customs house on the other side of the line Turkish soldiers marched up the road. At the border they came to attention, saluted and then shook hands, smilingly, with the men who had clambered down from the armoured vehicles.

"England — Turkey — Very Good"

Cigarettes were exchanged but language difficulties interfered with a free flow of conversation. The Turkish troops, however, managed English well enough to say: "England — Turkey — very good." At that they smiled, and the British answered with smiles.

After strolling down a road which winds through barren mountain country toward the Turkish frontier, we observed from one of the heights Turkish advanced posts, where troops manned machine-guns and field pieces. Later we came in sight of the frontier village of Ain-Dilke, where the crimson Turkish flag waved in the breeze. A captain of the Turkish Army greeted the party cordially and expressed pleasure that Great Britain and Turkey were now neighbours. A British officer responded in similar vein. After drinking a cup of Turkish coffee the invariable sign of hospitality in the Near East, we returned to the Syrian outpost.

Of interest here is the fact that the British, at least for the time being, are leaving the frontier in control of those who were in charge while Gen. Henri Dentz ruled as High Commissioner. A similarly anomalous situation prevails in Aleppo. Although the town has been occupied by the British, Vichy officers and men continue to move about freely.



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BRIDGE NOTES

FINDING OUT By The Four Aces

Every bridge player has to make a certain number of guesses, but part of his success depends upon his ability to find out definite information instead of relying on a guess. For example:

North, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ Q 10 7 3

♦ Q J

♣ Q 8 4

WEST

♠ 9 7 5 2

♥ 8 4

♦ A 6

♣ A K 10 9 3

EAST

♠ J 8 3

♥ 6 2

♦ K 9 8 5 2

♣ 6 5 2

SOUTH

♠ K 10

♥ A K J 9 5

♦ 10 7 4 3

♣ J 7

The bidding:

North East South West

Pass Pass 1 2♣

3♦ Pass 4♥ Pass

Pass Pass

South probably should have

passed at three hearts because he

had a minimum

opening bid and

his partner had

been unable to

open the bidding

originally. But he

preferred to go the

whole hog, hoping

that his partner's

hand would be a

perfect fit.

West opened the King of clubs,

and stopped to think on seeing

the dummy and his partner's dis-

couraging deuce of clubs. The

"automatic" shift was to a low

spade, through dummy's strength;

but West thought a little more.

His own hand could win three

tricks, assuming that South still

had another club. The contract

could be defeated, then, if East

could win one other defensive

trick. But what trick could East

win?

East almost surely had either

the spade or the diamond King

if the contract could be beaten.

So a spade lead at the second

trick would be fine if East had

the spade King, but disastrous if

East had the diamond King; for

South would probably manage to

draw trumps and discard a loser

on dummy's spades.

Then West thought about lay-

ing down the Ace of diamonds.

That would be fine if East had

the diamond King, but how

would it be if East had the spade

King? And West noted that it

was unlikely to be disastrous.

South would have his diamonds

set up, but that wouldn't help

him unless he had an unusually

long diamond suit. So West re-

fused to guess, but laid down the

diamond Ace. And East gave the

required information by signal-

ling with the diamond nine. Then

West led another diamond, and a

club return set the contract.

Yesterday you were David.

Bruce Burnstone's partner and,

with neither side vulnerable, you

held:

♠ K 7 5

♥ K 9 6 4 3

♦ 7 8 2

♣ 10 6

The bidding:

Burnstone Schenker You Jacoby

1♠ Pass 1♥ 2♣

2♠ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner's

bidding is very strong, but your

hand is too weak for a second

bid. There is no real need to go

back to diamonds since one suit

should play about as well as the

other. Passing will keep you out

of trouble.

Score: 100% for pass, 70% for

three diamonds.

Question No. 787

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with your side vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ 8 5 3

♥ A Q 7 3 2

♦ A 4 2

♣ 6 5

The bidding:

Schenker You Jacoby

1♠ (?)

What do you bid? (Answer

tomorrow.)

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Edward O'Henry at the Organ. No. No, Nanette—Selection; Show Of Shows—Selection. With The New Mayfair Orchestra.

12.40 p.m.—Otto Dobrindt and his Piano Symphonists. Will O' The Wisp—Fox-Trot Intermezzo (Herbert Kuster); Rouge Et Noir—Slow Fox-Trot (Hans Pretcher); Straßensaal (Arr. Erich Borschel); Chorus of the Clocks—Fox-Trot Intermezzo (Werner Roßmann); Sunny Days—Fox-Trot Intermezzo (Julius Kochmann).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Ben Lyon and Bebe Daniels in Variety. Orchestral—Love And Learn (from film "That Girl from Paris"—Arthur Schwartz, Edward Heyman). Abe Lyman & his Californians. Duet—Little Swiss Whistling Song (Parr-Davies). Bebe Daniels & Ben Lyon with Orchestra.

Vocal—Deep Purple (De Rose, Parish). Bebe Daniels with Orchestra. Orchestral—Mile-Or-More Bird Rag, Early Mornin' Blues (Ammons). Albert Ammons & his Rhythm Kings.

Vocal Duet—There's A Small Hotel (from film "On Your Toes"—Rodgers & Hart). Bebe Daniels & Ben Lyon with Orchestra.

Orchestral—Ya Got Something There (Tennent-Hart & Hyllton). The Bassoon (Ashlyn). Jack Hyllton & his Orchestra.

Vocal—Cheerful (from "Apple Sauce"—Carr, Kitchen, Westgart). Bebe Daniels with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra with Winnie Melville. Ball At The Savoy—Selection (Abraham). Drury Lane Theatre Orch. Whisper In Your Dreams (Loving). The Meaning Of A Rose (Besly). Winnie Melville with Orchestra. Glamorous Night—Selection (Novello). Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra. My Man (Adams). Winnie Melville with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Arthur Young and Hatchett's Swingtette. Dearest, I Love You; Mind, The Hand-die's Hot (Nonan); Beat Me, Daddy, Fight To A Bar (Raye, Prince, Sheehy); Ida, Sweet As Apple Cider (Leonard); How Am I To Know? (Parker, King); Brother Jackie (Frere Jacques)—Traditional; All The Things You Are (Kern, Hammerstein); Rumpel-Stiltskin—Quick-Step (Tobias, Lewis); I Hear Bluebirds — Fox-Trot (Woods, Tobias).

7.15 p.m.—Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour in a Hawaiian Programme. Nohea I Muolau Lani; Samoan Love Song (from "Taboo"—Corryn Kihel). Andy Iona & his Islanders.

Hawaiian Paradise (Owens). Bing Crosby with Dick McIntire & his Harmony Hawaiians. My Tane (My Man). Hawaiian Novelty (Noble & others); Hawaii Sing To Me—A Hawaiian Lullaby (F. Mills). Andy Iona and his Islanders. Moonlight And Shadows (from film "Jungle Princess"—Robin). Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra. Hawaii March (Gino Bordin). Gino Bordin & his Hawaiians. Trade Winds (Friend, Tobias). Bing Crosby with Orchestra. Charm of Hawaii (Gino Bordin). Gino Bordin & his Hawaiians. On A Tropic Night (from film "Tropic Holiday"—Washington); Panamanian (from film "Swing High, Swing Low"—Coslow, Siegel). Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.

On The "Dreamy" Moana Shore (Dyson); Tropical Hulas (Cunha, Nape). South Sea Islanders. Song Of The Islands (Arr. King). Aloha Oe (Farewell to Thee—Kennedy). Bing Crosby with Dick McIntire & his Harmony Hawaiians.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"It's That Sand Again—(ITSA)". Tommy Handley & "Funt" in a seaside show-down written by Ted Kavanagh; produced by Francis Worsley.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Compositions of Haydn. Overture in D Major. Orchestre De La Societe Des Concerts.

Minuet in C Sharp Minor (Cis Moll). Chain of Waltzes. Wanda Landowska (Harpischord).

My Mother, Bids Me Blind My Hair. Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Piano.

Symphony No. 6 in G Major—The "Surprise". Symphony—1st. Mov. Adagio cantabile—Allegro vivace.

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The Heavens Are Telling—"The Creation". Royal Choral Society & London Philharmonic Orchestra, cond. by Dr. Sargent.

Menuet... Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano.

10.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Mozart—Sonata in A Major: 1st Mov: Andante grazioso, Variations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6; 2nd Mov: Menuetto and Trio; 3rd Mov: Alle tuerca—Allegretto & Coda. Edwin Fischer (Piano).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Studio—Our Letter From Free China.

10.30 p.m.—Half An Hour From Musical Comedy. Casanova—Selection (J. Strauss, Arr. Benatzky). The New Mayfair Orchestra.

Bitter Sweet—Vocal Gems (Noel Coward). Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

Hit The Deck—Vocal Gems (Youmans). Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

The Love Race—Selection (Clarke). The New Mayfair Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London—"Britain To-day"—Discussion.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

MONTHLY BROADCASTING REPORT

FOR JULY, 1941

Actual hours of transmission totalled 448½ of which 206¼ were devoted to European Programmes, 217 to Chinese Programmes and 25¼ to Indian Programmes as follows:

Z.B.W. (European)
Morning transmission ... 67½
Evening transmission ... 138½

206¼

During the month apart from recorded programmes the following items were broadcast:

Feature Programmes (including Broadcast to Australia) ... 5
Studio Talks (including Book Reviews and Newsletter) ... 14
Local Relays (including Church Services) ... 3
Sunday Evening Epilogues ... 5

Daventry Relays (including News) 146
Programmes in French (News, etc.) 31
Programmes in Portuguese ... 7

Z.E.K. (Chinese)
Morning transmission ... 62
Evening transmission ... 155

217

During the month apart from recorded programmes the following items were broadcast:

Studio Concerts ... 25
Studio Talks ... 29
Children's Concerts ... 9
Daventry Relays ... 10

Z.B.W. (Indian)
Evening transmission only (including talks, records and recitals) 25¼

New licences issued during July, 1941 ... 322

Renewals of licenses during July, 1941 ... 524

Total licenses issued during 1941 10,514

HE SALVED BOTTLE AS WELL AS BABY

William Turpin, 18, Scout

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN To Prevent Heat Exhaustion

Each year I think it wise to warn readers against heat exhaustion and sunstroke. Here are some rules which should be memorised by all.

Avoid prolonged exposure to sun or excessive heat either indoors or outdoors.

If exposed to direct sun keep the head covered.

Wear light, porous clothing during hot weather.

Remain where there is circulation of air, if possible. An electric fan may be used to create a breeze.

Avoid undue physical exertion. Drink adequate amounts of cool water (not iced). The body is cooled by perspiration but the fluid lost must be replaced by a large intake of water. This varies with the individual and the length of exposure to heat. Often 8 to 12 glasses a day are needed.

Use a liberal amount of salt with food or add it to the water. This replaces salt and other elements lost through perspiration.

The drinking of slightly cooled water containing small quantities of salt (one-quarter teaspoonful to one quart of water) is particularly effective in preventing heat cramps or the recurrent attacks of muscular spasm among persons exposed to high heat.

Observe healthful living habits - sufficient sleep, frequent baths, well-selected and usually light foods, regular and thorough elimination.

To Treat Heat Exhaustion

Signs: Pallor, cold, moist skin, rapid, shallow breathing; pulse weak; temperature subnormal; patient usually conscious.

Treatment: Call a doctor. Lay the patient in a cool, quiet place, in a reclining position. Loosen the clothing. Keep him warm with a hot water bottle, blankets or other means. If conscious, give him a stimulant - tea, coffee, or aromatic spirits of ammonia (one teaspoonful in one-half glass of water.)

How To Treat Sunstroke

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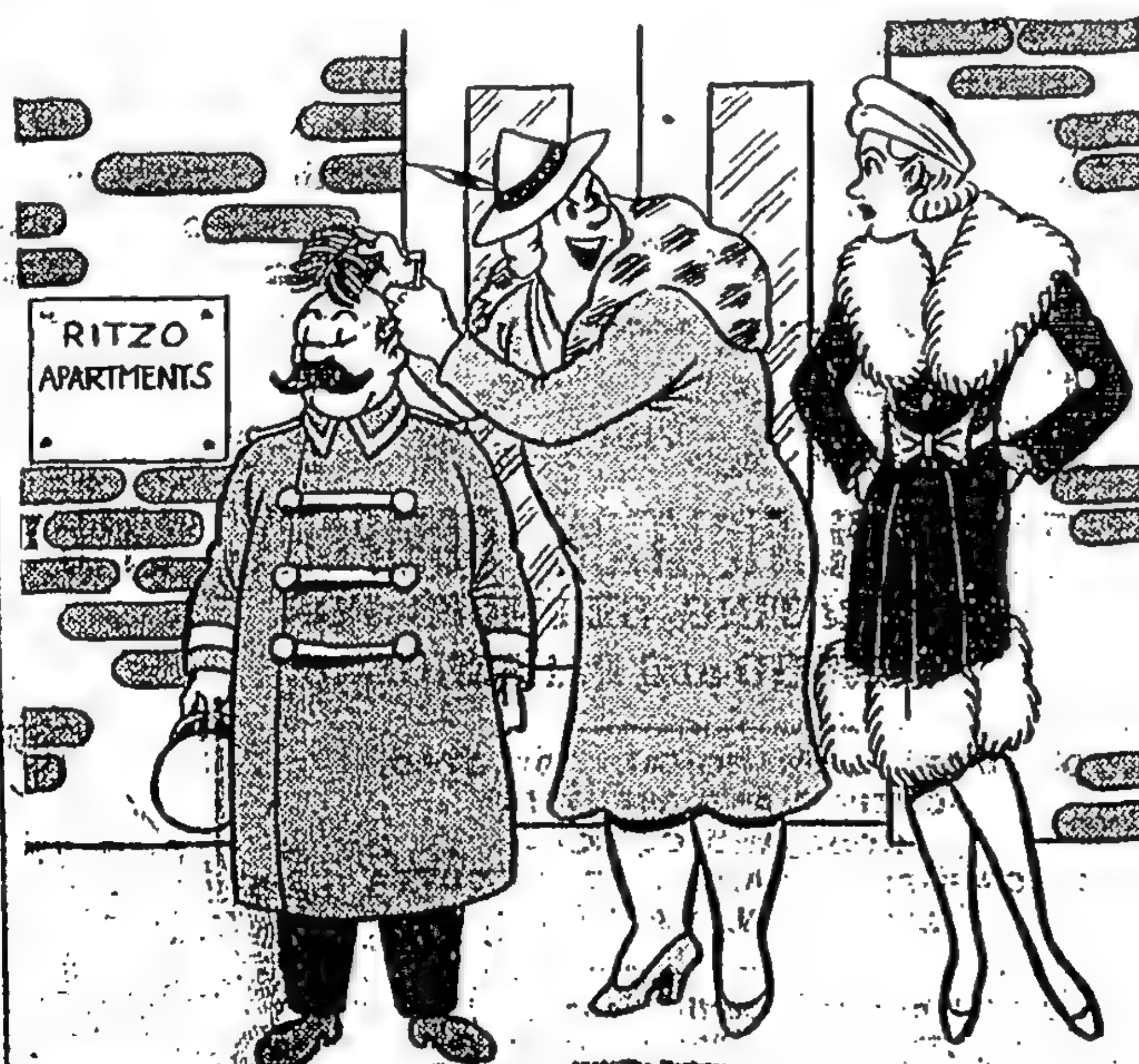


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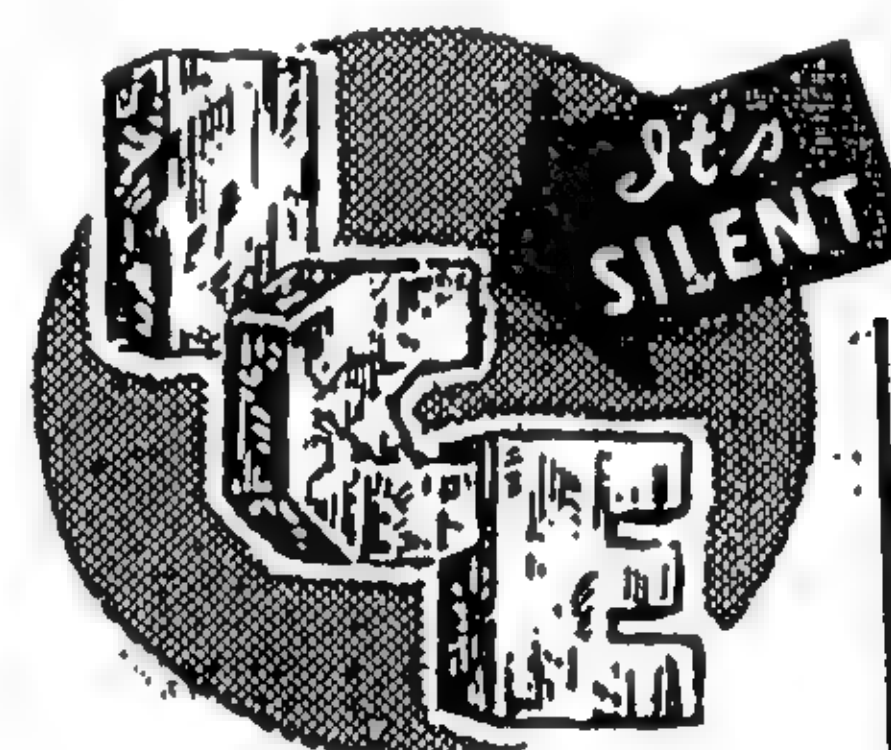
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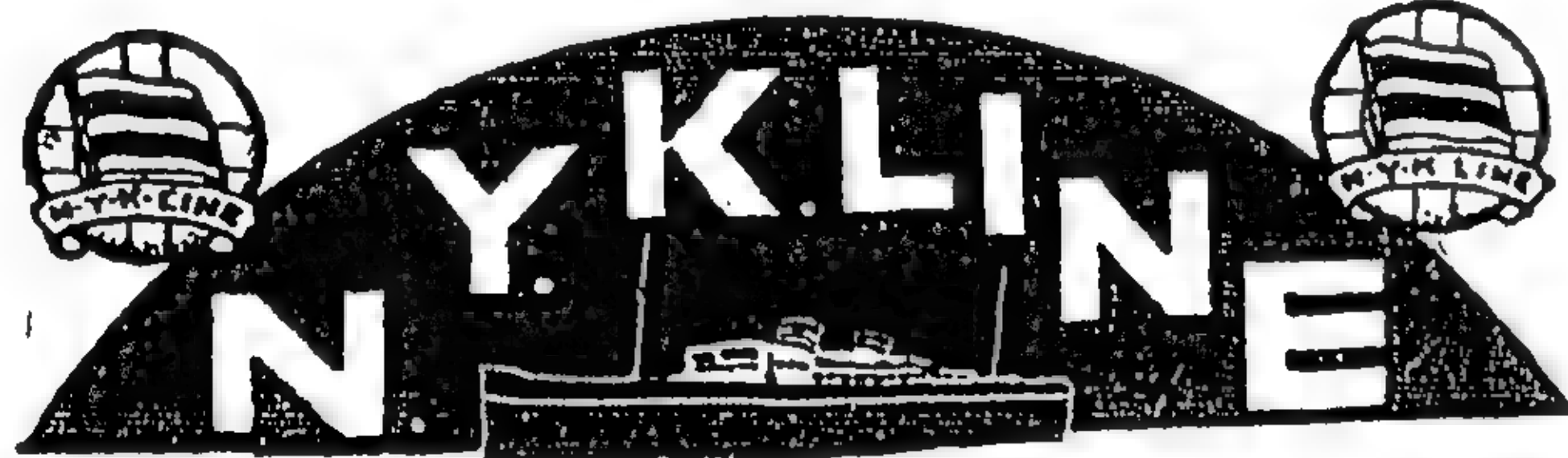
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But Bill is growing restless. If you want to meet him at his most restless moments you should be in the mess in the early hours of the morning, when the cocks at the farms around the flying field have finished their crowing and the curtains of the dining room are pulled back to welcome the light of a new day.

It is then that pilot officers, flight lieutenants and squadron leaders come in to breakfast after a night trip over Germany, over enemy occupied France or Holland. They have handed over their aircraft to the ground staff, have been interviewed by the Intelligence Officers, and now have an appetite for breakfast before going to bed. A few look weary, but Bill is always amazed to see how fresh, how talkative most of them appear to be. And the more they talk the more interested Bill becomes, and the more excuses he makes to remain near their table.

He overhears conversations such as this:

"An Me. came up at us on the way back, but we scared him off. Pass the butter, please. Some mighty fine fires. How did the flak strike you, Tony? Or didn't it strike you?"

"Clouds beat me to it, and I couldn't see much. The search-lights made a fine show going over the enemy coast."

"Jovel! This bacon and egg tastes good. We got shot about a good bit. Holes all over the port wing, but it takes more than holes to wreck a Whitley."

More Tea?

"You're right. I almost tried looping the loop with her. I think she'd do it, too. More tea, Bill."

"You must have been just behind us when we dropped those flares. Jerry bumped away, and I thought you'd got a packet."

As Bill brings more tea he just cannot help asking a question. "What happened to your hand, sir?" he enquires from a young pilot officer.

"Oh, just a tickling scratch. A bit of shrapnel bobbed up. Missed the navigator's hand by inches and grazed past me."

Towards the end of breakfast conversation flags. They are becoming drowsy. One by one, or in couples they stroll away to bed, and Bill tidies the table in readiness for the later breakfast of those who did not operate last night. To-night it may be Berlin, Dusseldorf, or Hamburg, Brest or Bremen, Kiel or Cuxhaven.

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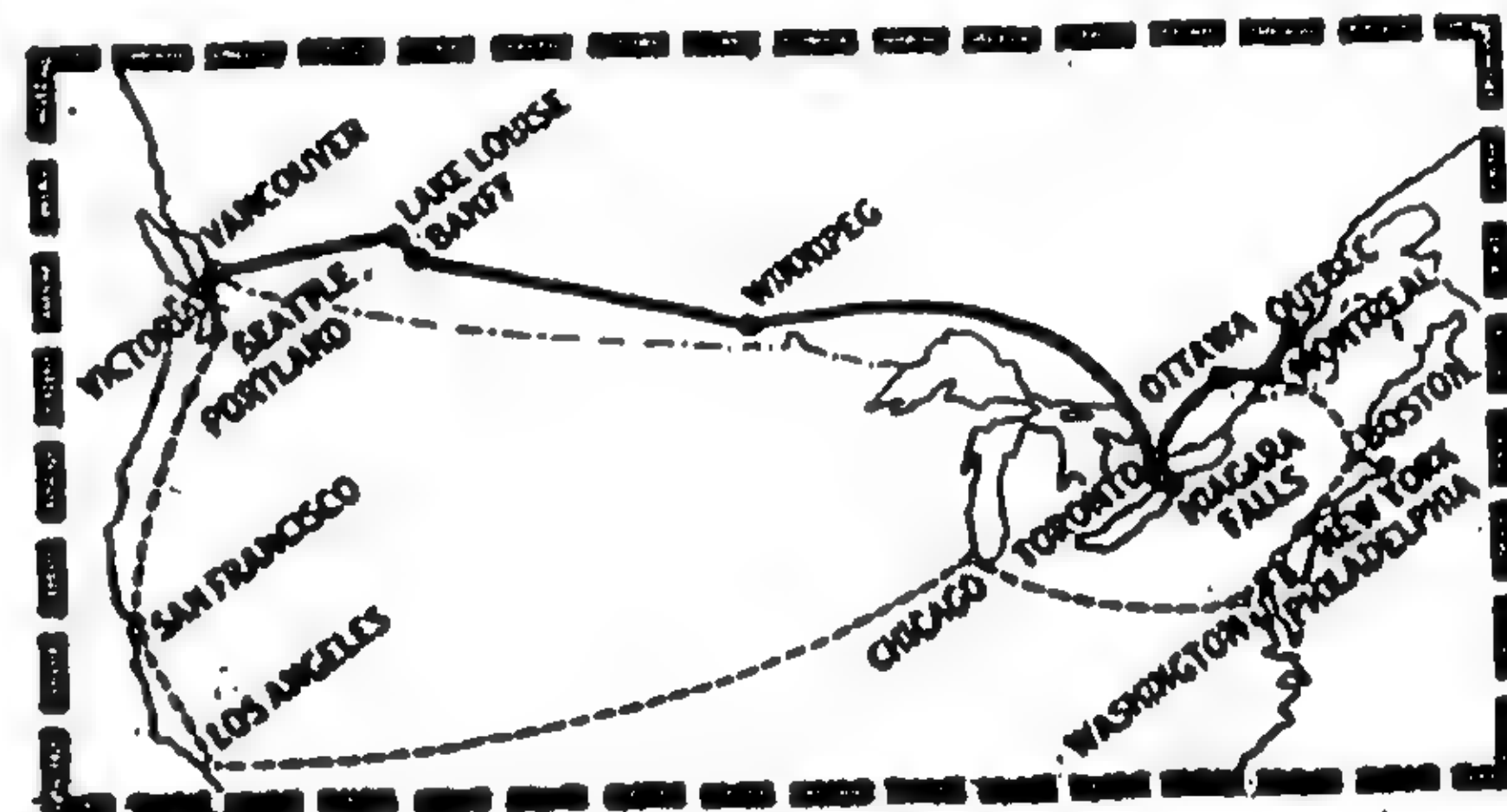
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"Our only trouble-makers are two parrots who bully their small neighbours. We have named them Hitler and Goebbels."

"Apart from a few exotic birds from foreign countries we have mostly birds that have been kept as pets until their owners were bombed out."

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R.A.F.'S HEROES OF THE NIGHT

(By Laurence Coates)

AWAY TO THE NORTH a red glow in the sky spreads until you think the very clouds must be on fire.

Twenty miles away, in the ghostly light of the half moon, it seems as though a giant hand is burning the universe.

Anxious-eyed men scan the heavens, listen intently. There is the sound of an aeroplane engine. Nearer... circling lower... about to land. A watcher says, "It's Curly. I'd know Betsy Ann anywhere." Another says, "It's not, it's Mickey. He was up first. It's bound to be him."

"Bet you a Scotch it's Curly."

"You're on!" A grim-looking plane taxis to a standstill. Two of the group run to meet the tall young man. "What's it like out there?" they call. "Ruddy cold," says the pilot, adding deliberately, "If you sons of cock-eyed sea cooks have swiped all the coffee there'll be a REAL blitz."

The glow was a British town burning. Curly (for it was he, and Betsy Ann is his Hurricane) is a British night fighter pilot.

Up there he fights an enemy he sometimes cannot see, often flying through shrapnel of our own shells.

All that's worrying him is the "ruddy cold" and his thirst for coffee.

Amazing fellows these "night-ers." Not all of them have the Laughing Cavalier style of Curly. Others are more thoughtful, more serious. But all have one thing in common—they all give you the impression that they cannot help but win.

There was Moppy (so called because of his thick black hair). Shy, retiring. If he's not tinkering with his plane he'll be in the far corner of the "drome" garden. Doesn't dig entirely for victory. Has one small space for flowers. "Just a few gladioli," he explains. "Mother's fond of them."

He's a different man in the air. Goes ice-cold fighting mad.

Flight-Lieutenant... well, let's call him Brown, was intended for the Church, but flying was in his blood.

Academic, forever studying deep books that are the despair of his comrades. Puffs thoughtfully at his pipe before every sentence he utters.

Was taken out of Coastal Command to fly night fighters and says, "I like it. Yes, I think I like it, but at first I thought I was going to be a flop. I was frightened—and I'm not ashamed to admit it."

"In my bomber I had three good pals with me. When things were going well we could laugh and joke. When we were in trouble maybe one of the boys would hit on an idea for pulling us through when I frankly didn't know what to try next."

"Once I fainted through a wound. One of my pals flew us home and guided my hands on the controls as we landed."

"In a night fighter it's very different, all alone, up there in the dark, no one to help you if things go wrong, no one to say 'good-bye' to if you realised your number was up. But I'm O.K. now. Got used to it."

I think I shall remember that man every time a night warning goes.

Another plane has landed, this time so far away we cannot make out who it is. But you can't mistake the not very musical voice singing, "Where my caravan has rested."

It's Curly telling the world that his guns have bagged another Nazi raider.

AN ALL-HONG KONG SCHOOLS' CRICKET LEAGUE SUGGESTED

ALTHOUGH THE CRICKET SEASON IS STILL A MONTH AWAY, INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE LEAGUE WILL BE RUN AGAIN THIS YEAR, VOLUNTEER DUTIES AND OTHER CLAIMS ON THE PLAYERS' TIME NOTWITHSTANDING.

SHANGHAI TENNIS TOURNEY

The draws for the Shanghai Men's Singles and Doubles Tennis championships, and the International Doubles tourney were recently announced, and a glance through the names will indicate that in the absence of the titleholder, Lew Carson, competition will be very keen for the singles crown.

On current form Humberto Collaco and Pokor Tong are expected the best chance of bringing off the championship, with the Okada-Kiyosu and Pokor Tong-Kho Sin-oi the most favoured combinations in the doubles event, while Japan should annex the International Doubles trophy.

Most interest in the tournaments will be centred round the Doubles where no fewer than 20 pairs are out for the honours. Squires, in partnership with Sullivan, will have a hard passage if they are to break through to the final brackets as the opposition in their section of the draw is studded with potential champions.

In the upper half Green and Indrickson are outstanding.

China has 11 players in the Singles tourney out of the 17 and from the draw an all-China final is not an impossibility. Humberto Collaco should figure in the final round, despite the obstacles in his path, with Pokor Tong in the top half. Tennis Kwok, former Hong Kong tennis player, is also in the competition.

Taking the League tussles as a criterion, Japan should walk off with the Roper Cup easily.

The complete lists are as follow:

Men's Singles Senior.

J. V. T. Wang—bye; A. M. Rozario—bye; C. C. Squires—bye; Tennis Kwok—bye; T. C. Chang—bye; Pokor Tong—bye; S. T. Wong—bye; H. V. Hirschberg v. H. P. Madar; H. C. Collaco—bye; Y. T. Dschou—bye; Kho Sin-oi—bye; Z. L. Sin—bye; H. K. F. Li—bye; T. Cho—bye; E. T. Indrickson—bye; Wei Wen-ta—bye.

Men's Doubles

H. K. F. Li and J. V. T. Wang—bye; T. H. Wei and K. C. Tsai—bye; Tennis Kwok and S. S. Sung—bye; F. K. L. Wang and S. S. Y. Chu—bye; E. T. Indrickson and D. Green—bye; A. M. Rozario and V. A. S. C. de Souza—bye; L. Marcol and S. A. Collaco v. H. C. Yung and P. K. Sung; T. T. Yui and Y. T. Dschou v. N. Sadilnikoff and G. Golthoff; K. Okada and Y. Kiyosu v. P. G. Goldstein and H. Schaffer; W. Kwok and N. N. Lie v. C. C. Squires and F. F. Sullivan; H. P. Madar and F. R. Kermani—bye; T. T. Chu and T. C. Wang—bye; S. Zee and C. How—bye; E. Tsai and T. Liang—bye; Pokor Tong and Kho Sin-oi—bye; M. Ma and Wm. Wu—bye.

FOOTBALL COACH PASSES

Howard Jones, famed football coach of the University of Southern California, died in Los Angeles on July 27.

REIDY QUALIFIES

M. L. Reidy, with a score of 87-17=70, qualified for the Captain's Cup for August at Panling. There were five entries.

A bowls team from Lane-Crawford met Hong Kong Electric at Ming Yuch last night in a floodlit game and won 68-37.

Enquiries from an official of the League elicited the information that the Annual General Meeting of the League will be called towards the end of this month, or early in September, when the season's fixtures will be drawn up, while from another source it is learned that more Sunday matches will be played this year than was the case last season.

A suggestion has been made regarding the organisation of a Schools' League, and, though confirmation is lacking, it is understood that a meeting of the schools will be called prior to the League meeting. As the former should decide in favour of running a competition, the League will be approached for assistance in the matter of grounds, though as far as can be seen at the present this would be more a question to be decided by the different cricket clubs of the Colony than the League.

Queen's Below Standard

Queen's College, one time boasting several excellent boy cricketers, appear to be unable to get out of the doldrums into which they sank a few years back. This is difficult to understand in view of the fact that the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School send up groups of boys every year who are keen on the game.

Central British School, for many years one of the leading school teams, producing players like W. S. Gegg (University), K. M. Baxter (Kowloon C.C.), G. Ainslie (Civil Service) and R. Holden, formerly of Hong Kong Cricket Club, is now no more due to the evacuation.

For the past year or two, La Salle has boasted the best results from the "nursery" point of view, and Club de Recreio have benefited greatly. Two of La Salle's most promising youngsters, young Carvahio and da Rosa, are at present in Australia and reports from "down under" indicate that they have done quite well in cricket in their respective schools, where the advantage of coaching has shown its results.

FOOTBALL STARTS ON STONECUTTERS

Early August is hardly the weather for soccer, but 22 hardy souls on Stonecutters Island yesterday decided it was cool enough for some pre-season practice, and the result was a very good game between Stonecutters East against Stonecutters South. So close, in fact was the match, that the end of 60 minutes' play found the score sheet blank.

There was a suggestion about extra time, but it was generally agreed that an hour of strenuous football in this weather was quite enough for even the keenest, so the teams decided to cool down with a bath at one of the excellent beaches on the Island, agreeing to battle again some other evening on the football field.

It may not be generally known that Stonecutters boast two football fields, one in the South and the other in the East. Yesterday, South were playing at home, but when they meet again East will enjoy the ground advantage. Included in the East team were three Navy League footballers: Croft, Brees and Le Page, the last-named playing a good game at inside-right. Richardson, at left-back, also played well for the "Easterners".

"South" included three Chinese, who showed good ball control with Ho Sum, at right-back, outstanding. The teams were: East: Goodwin, Tract, Richardson, Sney, Hall, Croft, Brees, Le Page, Perkins, Bell, and Burford. South: Seabrook, Ho Sum, Toplift, Smith, Baxter, Yee Fook, Nickerson, Burns, Cross, Burrows and Tsang Shing-hong.



A tense moment during the Mindanao v. Chung Hwa baseball tilt on Saturday last, when the gallants made almost sure of the pennant for the second year in succession by winning by 14-1. "Grandpa" Leung, coach and first base of Chung Hwa, is seen here at bat with Tony Marcavage catching. The umpire Sgt. Welford, Royal Engineers.

TWO CLOSE OPEN PAIRS MATCHES

Two of the few remaining games in the Second Round of the Colony's Lawn Bowls Pairs championship were played yesterday and both were closely contested.

INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING ENTRIES

Owing to the mid-summer holidays, the Inter-school swimming meet for boys and girls organised by Victoria Recreation Club has not received the support anticipated but sufficient entries have been received from the few schools participating to ensure some measure of success.

Among the girls taking part are several who have figured prominently at the various club games and among these are the Misses J. Anderson, Y. Yolle, Ko Mui-ling and C. Guterres.

Following are the events and entries:

SENIORS

200 Yards free-style Relay: Diocesan Boys' School, La Salle, St. Stephen's College.

150 Yards Medley Relay: Diocesan Boys' School, La Salle College "A", La Salle College "B", St. Stephen's College.

100 Yards free-style: C. R. Rosset (D.B.S.), J. Gomes (La Salle), and Wm. Teo, Wolfgang Yui, Ma Chan-ling, Then Han-hoi, Leung Ming-shan, Khoo Kwen-hwie (St. Stephen's).

220 Yards free-style: J. Rozza-Perreira (La Salle), and Wm. Teo, Tan Yee-chai, Ma Chan-ling, Boone Siong-loy, and Tan Teik-wei (St. Stephen's).

100 Yards breast-stroke: Mak Ting-chee and G. Rosset (D.B.S.), Kwong Chiu-sheung (La Salle), Wolfgang Yui, Tam Yee-chai, Chen Yen-shan and Leung Kai-wai (St. Stephen's).

100 Yards back-stroke: G. Rosset (D.B.S.), A. V. Lopes (La Salle), and Ip Ting-yue, Then Han-hoi and Boone Siong-loy (St. Stephen's).

Dividing: C. Whitfield (D.B.S.), Marcus Ng and B. Pomeroy (La Salle), and Wolfgang Yui, Chang On, Ma Chan-shong, Leung Ming-shan, Ng Siow-hoo (St. Stephen's).

JUNIORS

220 Yards free-style Relay: Nam Wah School, La Salle College, St. Stephen's College.

150 Yards Medley Relay: Nam Wah College, La Salle College, St. Stephen's College.

100 Yards free-style: Lee Cheuk-lam (Nam Wah School), R. Souza (La Salle), and K. Thomas, Chew Yen-woo, Koser, Wong Peng-kin, Wong Peng-kwong (St. Stephen's).

50 Yards free-style: Lee Shiu-lung, Ching Koon-ye, Lee Cheuk-lam (Nam Wah School), W. Ribeiro (La Salle), K. Thomas, Koser, Chen Yeh-fwei, Wong Ping-kin, Wong Ping-kwong (St. Stephen's).

50 Yards back-stroke: Ching Koon-ye (Nam Wah School), C. Guterres (La Salle).

50 Yards breast-stroke: Leo S. Leung, Ching K. Yee (Nam Wah), W. Ribeiro (La Salle).

Dividing: Lee Shiu-lung (Nam Wah), C. Guterres (La Salle), K. Thomas, Chen Yeh-fwei (St. Stephen's).

GIRLS

200 Yards free-style Relay: St. Mary's School, and French Convent.

50 Yards free-style: Miss C. Guterres (St. Mary's School), Miss Ko Mui-ling (Ying Wah School), Miss J. Anderson, Miss Y. Yolle and Miss J. Arculli (French Convent).

50 Yards back-stroke: Miss C. Guterres (St. Mary's School), Miss J. Anderson and Miss Y. Yolle (French Convent).

50 Yards breast-stroke: Miss C. Monteiro (St. Mary's School), Miss Y. Yolle (French Convent).

Dividing: Miss C. Guterres (St. Mary's School), Miss J. Anderson (French Convent).

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club J. F. MacGowan and N. J. Bebbington beat J. J. Basto and C. H. Basto by 16-15.

Thanks to a four at the third, Bebbington led by 6 shots before the Portuguese pair opened their scoring. At the 10th MacGowan and Bebbington led 9-4 and increased the lead to 13-8 at the 16th.

With a single followed by a five the Bastos took the lead for the first time at 14-13, but MacGowan and Bebbington then scored a single and a two and conceded a single at the last to win by one shot, after scoring at 12 ends.

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A Useful Run

At Hong Kong Football Club, R. Morrison and J. V. Ramsey of Kowloon Docks beat G. V. McGrath and V. H. Freeman of Prison Officers' Club by 20-17.

The Stanley pair started off well and were leading 10-3 at the 10th. The Dock pair then scored a four and a two to reduce the lead to 10-9 but at the 15th McGrath and Freeman were leading 15-9. Morrison and Ramsey then had a run of 21143 to lead 20-15 at the 20th.

The losers scored a two at the last and registered at 11 ends.

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SOUTH CHINA AQUATIC GALA

At North Point last night South China Athletic Association held its second swimming gala of the season. Following are the results:

50 Metres Back-stroke:—1, Ngau Leung-wah; 2, Fong Kwok-yu; 3, Tso Si-ho. Time: 41.25.

200 Metres Breast-stroke:—1, Ho Bun-kun; 2, Kam Wah; 3, Tsang Yeung. Time: 3.9.35.

Ladies' 100 Metres Free-Style:—1, Li Po-luen; 2, Chiu So-bik; 3, Ho Wal-mul. Time: 1.41.

50 Metres:—1, Au Leung-wah; 2, Fong Kwok-yu; 3, Cheung Siu-choi. Time: 31.45.

60 Metres Handicap (Training Class):

—1, Yeung On-ping; 2, Fong Kwok-yu; 3, Li Yiu-sing.

200 Metres Breast-stroke (Handicap):

—1, Cho Sai-lok; 2, Tsang Yeung; 3, Wong Tak-keung.

60 Metres Blindfold:—1, Chan Chung-chak; 2, Wong Lan-san.

Ladies' 200 Metres Breast-stroke (Handicap):—1, Chiu So-bik; 2, H. Wal-mul; 3, Li Po-luen.

Under Water Swimming:—1, Lam Kul-on (37.2 metres); 2, Kwok Chiu-ling (28); 3, Wong Chan-man (26.3).

Water-Polo: South China lost to Chinese Bathing Club 2-1.

TRIAL CANCELLED

Owing to the absence of W. Lawrence, Noel Hammond and other swimmers, the trial which was to have been held at Victoria Recreation Club yesterday to select the team to represent Combined V.R.C. and Y.M.C.A. in the Charity Swimming Gala on Saturday next was cancelled.

Ching Wing section of Chinese Y.M.C.A. are meeting Chinese Bathing Club in a swimming contest at Bridges Street this evening, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

KHO RETAINS TITLE

Kho Sin-ke, Chinese tennis ace, retained the Malayan lawn tennis singles title on August 4 by beating the former Malayan champion Chin Kee-onn 6-0, 6-2 at Kuala Lumpur.

In the course of the singles tournament Kho gave away only eight games.

With Mrs. R. B. C. Carter as his partner, Kho also won the mixed doubles championship for the second consecutive year by beating G. W. Plunkett and Miss M. Stokes, 6-3, 6-4.

Kho and his partner Chin Kee-onn lost in the men's doubles semi-finals to an Australian pair, G. W. Plunkett and S. Y. D. Breakpear.

The Australian pair won the doubles title by beating two young Singapore players, Robert Chia and Lim Hee-chin.—Central News.

Miss M. Stokes formerly played for Kowloon Cricket Club in the Mixed Doubles Tennis League, partnering A. E. P. Guest. She left Hong Kong at the time of the evacuation.

RECREIO'S FIRST DIVISION TENNIS WIN

At Chater Road, Club de Recreio beat Hong Kong Cricket Club by 6½ sets to 2½ in the First Division of the Tennis League.

M. Pagh and C. H. R. Oxlade (H.K.C.C.)

drew with A. V. Remedios and W. A. Reed 6-6

lost to J. J. Remedios and J. B. Gonsalves 2-6

beat F. J. Remedios and R. M. Soares 6-3

T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (H.K.C.C.)

lost to Remedios and Reed 2-6

lost to Remedios and Gonsalves 4-6

drew with Remedios and Soares 6-6

L. Goldman and D. M. MacDougall (H.K.C.C.)

lost to Remedios and Reed 1-6

lost to Remedios and Gonsalves 4-6

drew with Remedios and Soares 6-6

Table To Date

	FIRST DIVISION				
	Pts.	W.	L.	D.	F.
Recreio	3	2	1	0	18
I.R.C.	2	2	0	11	7
S.C.A.A.	1	1	0	0	6
K.C.C.	2	1	1	0	12
H.K.U.T.C.	1	0	1	0	3
H.K.C.C.	3	0	3	0	9
C.R.C.	0	0	0	0	0

R. E. WIN

Royal Engineers defeated European Press 4-2 in a snooker and billiards tournament last night.

Snooker:—S. Sgt. Rogers beat J. R. Luka 64-57; Q.M.S. Brannon beat M. R. Abbas 50-49; Sgt. Blackman lost to G. W. Giffert 27-49.

Billiards:—S. Sgt. Megson beat R. Goldman 100-52; Sgt. Shipp lost to A. T. Lee 99-100; S. M. Wellwood beat J. R. Luka 100-65.

The First Division League tennis match between South China and Kowloon Cricket Club arranged to be played this afternoon has been postponed and will be played on Tuesday.



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BOBBY JONES WILL PLAY IN BENEFIT GOLF

The desire to do his bit for the armed forces is going to bring back Robert Tyre Jones for another competitive golf fling.

The Professional Golf Association of America has announced that Bobby, famed for his 1930 sweep of the American and British open and amateur golf titles, would captain and play with a picked squad in a challenge match August 22-23 against the association's Ryder Cup team.

Proceeds of the event, for which a site remains to be selected, will go to the United States Service Organisations, which raise funds for the recreation of soldiers and sailors.

Eager To Help

"Leading tournament golfers of this country are eager to do their part in our present preparedness effort," said the P.G.A. announcement, "and nothing seems more important than the effort of the United States Service Organisations to give active expression to our military personnel of the determination of the civilian population to stand behind them."

Tom Walsh, President of the P. G. A., said the match resulted from recent conversations with Jones, who will select his own team. Conditions of play, he added, would be the same as in international competition. 36-hole four-somes on the first day and 36-hole single matches on the second.

The Ryder Cup squad, which continues to exist formally but is inactive because the war prevents its customary duel with the British pros, includes 10 players: Henry Picard, Byron Nelson, Paul Runyan, Sam Snead, Horton

Smith, Dick Metz, Jimmy Hines, Ralph Guldahl, Harold McSpaden and Vic Ghezzi.

Jones' Selections

The team Jones will select is a matter of speculation. Almost a certainty, however, is Craig Wood, who won Jones' own Masters' tournament and followed up with national open honors. The annual Masters' event is the only competitive golf Jones indulges in since he chose to retire.

Other candidates for the challenging team include such favorites as Jimmy Demaret, Lawson Little, Ben Hogan, and Gene Sarazen.

However, it makes little difference to Walter Hagen, honorary captain of the Ryder Cup team. In accepting Jones' challenge, Hagen said the Ryder Cup team was willing at all times to aid in the national preparedness programme and then confidently predicted that "Bobby's team will go down in defeat as did the team captained and picked by Sarazen a year ago." He referred to the 1940 Red Cross benefit match.

ROYALS' SOFTBALL WIN OVER 'Y'

A very enjoyable softball match was played on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park, yesterday between a team representing the "Y" and a Royal Scots (Kai Tak) team, the latter winning by 20-14. Both teams were making their first appearance in match-play so that it will be readily understood that what was lacking in science was more than made up for by the enthusiasm on the part of both teams.

Royal Scots had a "dress rehearsal" earlier in the afternoon when they figured in a pick-up game at Kai Tak, and with the confidence thus gained, they started in great style against the "Y", chalking up no less than 6 runs in the first innings.

The "Y" had a poor start, only managing one run in three innings but after being led 12-1 at the third, they staged an uprising in the 4th when eight of their players crossed the plate.

Welford, who has had previous experience in softball, was outstanding for the "Y" in the short-stop station, while Manson played a good game for the winners at centre-field.

The teams were:

Y.M.C.A.	ROYAL SCOTS
Binnings	p Hanson
Killeen	c Clark
Hubert	1b Woods
Davis	2b McGroarty
Welford	ss McKay
Kelly	3b Marshall
Grant	lf Sutherland
Ramage	cf Manson
Cane	rf Walters

Scores:—
Royal Scots 6 0 6 10 1 6 0 — 23
Y.M.C.A. 0 1 0 8 0 2 0 3 0 — 14

WORLD RECORD 5,000 METRES WALK

Selmecky, Hungarian heel-and-toe specialist, set a new world's record for walking during a Budapest meet on July 27, covering 5,000 metres in 20 minutes 46 and 3-10 seconds.

The former record was held by the American, William Plant, with a time of 21 minutes 50.6 seconds, and was established in 1925.

LULL IN "Y" WATER-POLO TOURNAMENT

IN ORDER THAT THE ARMY LARGE AND SMALL UNITS WATER-POLO TOURNAMENTS (KNOCK-OUT) MAY BE CONCLUDED WITHOUT ANY DELAY, THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF THE Y.M.C.A. INVITATION WATER-POLO TOURNAMENT DECIDED AT A MEETING LAST WEEK TO "SLOW DOWN" ON THEIR PROGRAMME UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE ARMY MATCHES.

Up-to-date 115 matches have been played out of a total of 182 games, and though it was originally intended to bring this tournament to conclusion by the end of August, it may be necessary, as a result of this "temporary stoppage" to extend the season to the first or second week of September.

The quarter-final games in the Army tournaments will be decided some time during the week, and it is understood the semi-finals will be played on Wednesday, August 13.

Latest positions of the teams in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Tournament are—

Table To Date

Signals	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Middlesex "A"	18	10	1	1	97	16	33
Middlesex "B"	18	15	1	2	98	19	32
Y.M.C.A.	17	14	3	0	80	22	29
R. Scots "A"	18	12	5	1	63	38	25
R. Navy "C"	18	10	6	2	49	41	22
R. Navy "A"	16	10	5	1	55	35	21
C. Small Units	18	8	8	1	54	62	19
8th Regt. R.A.	15	8	8	2	38	63	12
5th A.A. Regt. R.A.	16	5	9	2	43	50	12
Middlesex "B"	17	5	11	1	35	63	11
965th. Bty. R.A.	17	2	13	2	29	86	6
R. Navy "B"	10	2	7	1	11	40	6
36th Bty. R.A.	15	1	13	1	17	73	3
R. Scots "B"	17	0	16	1	18	80	1

WARMERDAM ALMOST TOPS SIXTEEN FEET

CORNELIUS WARMERDAM DUSTED OFF THE MOON THE OTHER NIGHT, WRITES AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT.

It was at the Compton invitational meet, when he officially soared 15 feet 5 3/4 inches into the ozone, and unofficially went 3 1/4 inches higher a little later.

While he was doing all this, a lone figure stood off to one side and watched it with a look of bewilderment. He was Earle Meadows, who a few short years ago startled the sports world by leaping 14 feet 11 inches for Southern California. In the Compton meet, Meadows, competing for the Olympic Club, was only able to reach 13 1/2 feet.

Another sensational event of the meet was the performance of Leslie MacMitchell of New York University who ran his opposition into the ground in the 1,500-metre event to set a new meet record of 3:51.4.

This was the first local appearance for the lad from the sidewalks of New York who is hailed as the nearest thing to the four-minute miler since Glenn Cunningham was in his heyday. MacMitchell recently made the route in 4:07.4 at Madison Square Garden, and as he is only a junior, he should be able to improve that time.

WORLD TROTTER RECORD

Nimble Hanover, great five-year-old trotter, covered the mile in 1 min. 58 3/4 secs., and the second mile in 1 min. 59 secs., setting a new world trotting record, when winning the Grand Circuit's Goldsmith Maid Trotting Stake, worth nearly £1,000 at Old Orchard Beach, Maine, on July 25.—Reuter.

If you've wondered about baseball stars in the United States army, here's the answer concerning Hugh Mulcahy, who starred for the Phillies. Mulcahy, first big league drafted, will pitch for the Camp Edwards club. Patrick Creedon, state director of the W.P.A. baseball school, will supervise a Massachusetts league of army camps and naval bases. Mulcahy's club, is the early season favourite.

ROYAL CANADIAN HENLEY

Royal Canadian Henley Regatta opened in grand style on July 25 at St. Catharines, Ontario, with keen rivalry among the Americans and Canadians in junior events.

The Toronto Argonauts beat the Buffalo and New York West Sides in the Junior Fours, but the West Sides beat the Argonauts in the Heavy Fours and also won other Four's events from the Hamilton Leanders.

Singles events produced a dead heat in one race between A. Gallagher, of Philadelphia, and H. Hutchen, of Saint Catharines.—Reuter.

BASKETBALL TO-DAY

Following is to-day's League Basketball programme:—
Ping Ching v South China.
Yu Leang v National University.

MATCH DRAWN

The two day cricket match at Lord's was left drawn, the Combined Kent and Surrey team scoring 65 for 3 in reply to Combined Middlesex and Essex side's 412 for 6 declared.—Reuter.

The Eclectic competition of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Deep Water Bay for June and July in aid of the Bomber Fund resulted in a tie between Lt. Col. J. D. Way and Paymaster Commander C. B. Hickman, with 25-8 = 23. There were 94 entries.

WHY PITCHERS DON'T HIT IN BASEBALL

Buck Newsum, big hurler of the Detroit Tigers, likes his hits as well as the next one, but he thinks there is some justification for pitchers not hitting.

"There are several reasons why pitchers don't hit," Bobo explains. "One is that some of them take it for granted they don't have to hit because they're doing most of the work already."

"Of course, this is all wrong, but that's how pitchers are brought up."

"But the soundest reason I know is that whereas a pitcher gets to hit about three times a week, an out-fielder is up there 50 times."

"Pitchers seldom take batting practice, but if I were a manager and one of my pitchers didn't try to run out a batted ball, he wouldn't be playing for me very long."

"I'm not a good-hitting pitcher, but you'll never see me step in a few steps after hitting the ball. I run 'em out."

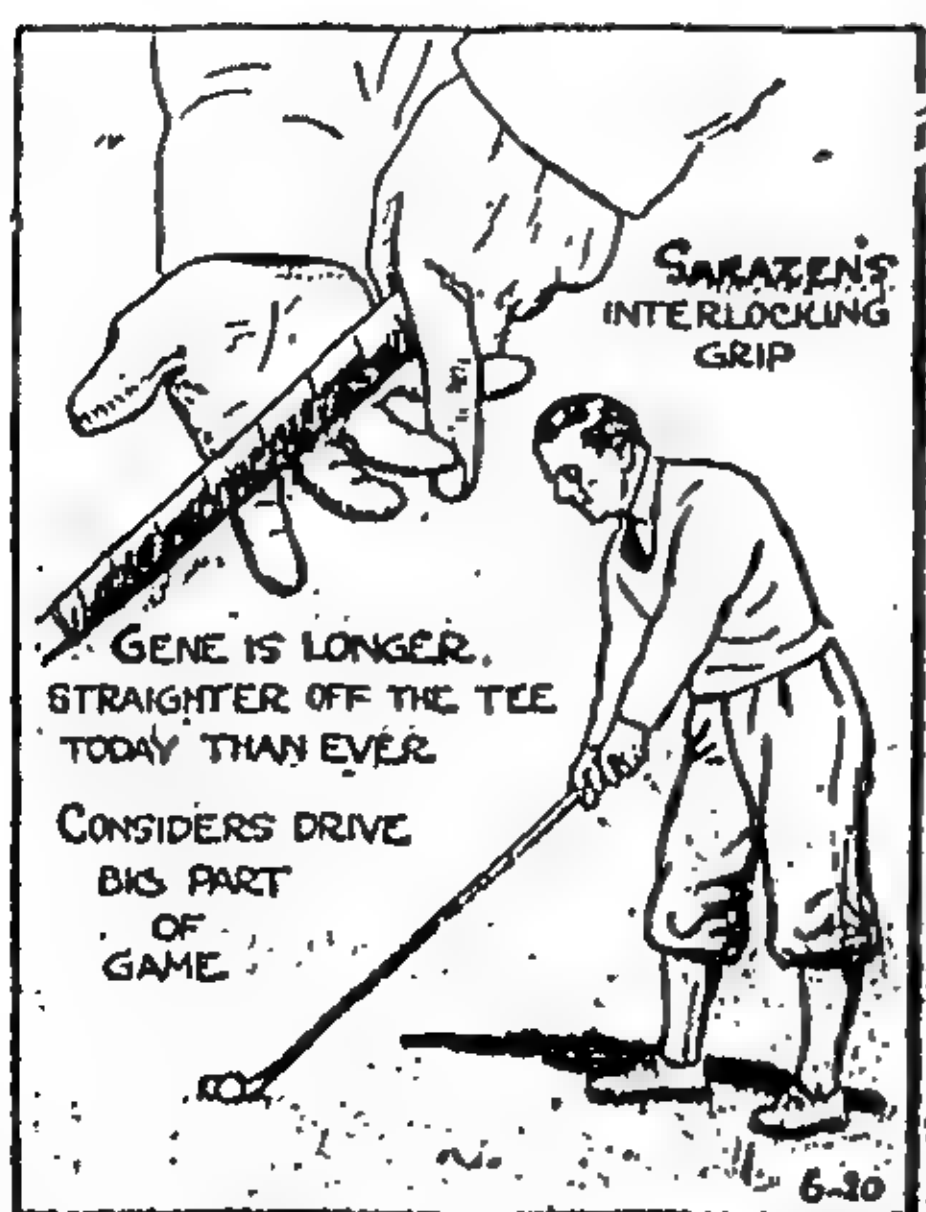
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Gene Sarazen adopted the interlocking grip as a caddy at Apawamis years ago and, despite the fact that he is not entirely satisfied with it, the record books attest the grip has served its purpose well indeed. In this grip the index finger of the left hand interlocks with the little finger of the right, creating a union of movement in both. Sarazen's complaint is that in various championship matches his hands have turned at important moments sending the ball astray.

Now driving better than ever, Sarazen admits this factor has improved his game during the past two years. In fact he frankly admits that long, straight tee shots are one of the most important adjuncts to a golfer's game. Not only do they inspire confidence in one's play but they place one in a strategic position on succeeding shots. With



few exceptions the player who is near enough the green to use an iron with a fair amount of loft has an advantage over one who has to resort to a spoon or heavy iron to reach the same objective. Next Article:—Changed Putting Stance.

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FIRMEST SANCTIONS

Assurances Requested In House Of Commons

Finns Expect Success

The Finns anticipate that the fall of Sortavala is imminent but the Soviet forces there are being greatly helped by naval units based on the Ladoga islands.

The Finns claim they have made considerable progress in the Ladoga and Suomussalmi sectors on the east side of Finland "waistline" close to the old Russian frontier.

It is understood in Helsinki the Finns are pressing forward to gain a line where they can await the Germans from Estonia for a joint attack on Leningrad.

The Helsinki newspaper "Hufvudstaden" says Russian resistance in Estonia is nearing its end and the bulk of the forces are being transferred to the Finnish front. — Reuter.

HEAVY RAID ON SUEZ

"There was an air raid in the Suez Canal area and some parts of the Delta during Monday night," says an Egyptian Ministry of Interior communiqué.

"A number of high explosives and incendiaries were dropped in the Canal area, causing the death of 99 persons and injuring 106. Some damage was done to property. — Reuter.

Government Insists That Is Policy

HELP GIVEN BY THE UNITED STATES IN BLOCKADING THE AXIS POWERS WAS EMPHASISED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal, Wolverhampton) asked for an assurance that the Economic Sanctions put into operation in the Far East would so function that oil and other war supplies would, in practice, as well as in theory, cease to be available to Japan in respect of the territories of Britain, the United States and the Netherlands.

Mr. Richard Law, new Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that consultations with the other Government concerned regarding the application of the far-reaching financial measures of control which have been introduced were still in progress.

There was no doubt that the operation of these measures was already practical and not theoretical and their effect on supplies for Japan would be serious.

When Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour, Derby) asked him to impress on the U.S. Government that the best way to prevent war in the Far East was to stop all oil supplies now, Mr. Law said the U.S. Government was fully aware of the situation. — Reuter.

the Canal area, causing the death of 99 persons and injuring 106. Some damage was done to property.

"No casualties or damage occurred in the Delta." — Reuter.

Axis Shows Concern

The Axis press shows marked concern over the alleged Anglo - Russian collaboration regarding Iran and Afghanistan.

Considerable discrepancies appear in figures reported in the German press of Germans resident in Iran.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" for instance says they number only 690 whereas the "Voelkischer Beobachter" admits 2,500.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" another symptom of Anglo-Russian collaboration was the fact that pamphlets were dropped by the R.A.F. over Berlin last Saturday night saying: "The Russians are still capable of long resistance and will later launch effective counter-offensives." — Reuter.

DE GAULLE PARACHUTE CORPS

A Free French Parachute Corps, it can now be revealed, has been formed of officers and men of General de Gaulle's troops in Great Britain.

They can be used as an independent corps or in conjunction with British formations.

Every man is a volunteer and before receiving his two "wings" has carried out the routine number of jumps from Whitley bombers which are used in training.

British officers who saw them at the end of their training commented on the enthusiasm and dash of the first Frenchmen to learn this new form of warfare. — Reuter.

CHINA SILK OUTPUT

FOLLOWING THE UNITED STATES ACTION IN FREEZING JAPANESE ASSETS, INCLUDING SILK STOCKS, CHINESE SILK EXPERTS ARE URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE SILK PRODUCTION IN CHINA.

They aim at a yearly export to the U.S. of 500,000 piculs of silk valued at U.S.\$200,000,000.

The amount exported to the U.S. annually at present is less than 180 piculs. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

German radio stations last night claimed that the towns of Kholm and Byelaya-Tserkov were in German hands. — Reuter.

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SECRET ATLANTIC MEETING?

Speculation whether Mr. Churchill will cross the Atlantic to meet President Roosevelt at sea was prevalent in Washington yesterday.

WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES EXPRESSED DOUBT AND THERE IS NOTHING OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE SUGGESTION.

A message from the President's yacht, the Potomac, says President Roosevelt is continuing his cruise in northern waters to an undisclosed destination.

The Commander of the Atlantic Fleet, Rear-Admiral Ernest King, visited President Roosevelt in the Potomac off the New England coast yesterday and discussed naval matters.—Reuter.

Wang's Canton Speech

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Realisation of the ideals of "Asia for the Asiatics" and "the Orient for the Orientals" was urged by Wang Ching-wei in a speech at the opening of the Far East Journalists' Conference in Canton yesterday.

Wang recalled that Canton was the birthplace of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and declared the true meaning of Sun Yat-sen's revolutionary movement was Asiatic leadership as "recognising the aggression policy of Europe towards China, to believe in Sino-Japanese amity and to save Asia from this danger."

Wang called on Japanese Army Headquarters in Canton and exchanged greetings. He expressed gratitude for the military assistance "bringing increased peace to Kwangtung," and, it is understood, requested continued assistance.—Reuter Special.

NO BOMBS ON BRITAIN IN DAYLIGHT

A very small number of enemy aircraft made brief appearances over coastal areas of Britain yesterday, says an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communiqué.

Up to 8 p.m. no reports of bombing had been received.—Reuter.

Long Convoys Of Lorries Pouring Out Of Saigon

THAILAND RECOGNITION OF MANCHUKUO

Thailand has recognised Manchukuo, says a Japanese report from Bangkok quoting a Thai Foreign Ministry announcement.—Reuter.

MOSCOW CALMLY CONFIDENT

Mr. Harry Hopkins, whose return to Britain from Moscow was announced on Sunday, was still resting in the country yesterday after his strenuous journey, according to official circles in London.

It may be assumed that before Mr. Hopkins returns to the U.S. he will be able to give Mr. Churchill an up-to-date account of his impressions of Moscow, which will be of great value.

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS MR. HOPKINS CONFIRMS REPORTS FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT STALIN AND SOVIET OFFICIALS IN GENERAL ARE HIGHLY CONFIDENT OF THEIR ABILITY TO WARD OFF GERMANY'S NEXT AND THIRD MAIN OFFENSIVE.—REUTER.

VICHY BLUFFING?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") LONDON NEWSPAPERS TERM VICHY AND SWISS REPORTS THAT GERMAN DEMANDS FOR NORTH AFRICAN MILITARY BASES HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN AS "SHEER BLUFF."

It is claimed that official evidence has been received that Vichy is giving in to the German demands, and "it is known that more Germans are arriving at Dakar and Casablanca"—International News Service.

WHILE HALF A DOZEN JAPANESE FREIGHTERS CONTINUE TO COME UP THE SAIGON RIVER DAILY PAST FIVE DESTROYERS AND A CRUISER MOORED TO THE BUND, LONG LORRY CONVOYS ROLL TO THE THAI FRONTIER.

A large number of lorries have left Saigon since Saturday. A typical convoy consists of half a dozen Harley-Davidson motorcycle combinations and about 60 Chevrolet and Ford trucks, half containing 25 troops each, the remainder carrying a few troops and material, including small field-pieces and trench-mortars.

A few trucks trail long-barreled 75's which are probably all-purpose guns with a high elevation against aircraft.

No heavy artillery has yet been seen although warehouses and docks are jammed with material.

It is now learned that except for a few hundred troops from Tongking the remainder of the Japanese forces arrived from Canton, a considerable proportion having seen service at Nanning.

It is understood all buildings surrounding the main square at Phnompenh have been commandeered by the Japanese and the occupation is proceeding apace.

Rainy Season

The present rainy season is likely to hinder the manoeuvrability of the Japanese forces and it is expected that they will be fully occupied for several weeks in consolidating their positions and building up military stores.

Japanese trucks at present are operating on their own imported gasoline.

Saigon remains quiet although American firms are taking immediate steps drastically to reduce the foreign staff.—Reuter.

SERIOUS BELGRADE OUTBREAK

Germans are alarmed by the serious turn that anti-Nazi disorders have taken in Yugoslavia.

A threatening proclamation by the German commandant in Belgrade warns the Serbs that "the hour is coming to decide on the rise or final descent of the Serbian people."

According to the Berlin correspondent of the Zürich "National Zeitung" the Nazis now admit that 500 or 600 "escaped convicts," whom they blamed for the disorders, have been joined by "other sections of the population."—Reuter.

SYRIAN HITCH

SEVENTY-FIVE BRITISH AND INDIAN OFFICERS CAPTURED DURING THE SYRIAN CAMPAIGN AND FLOWN BY VICHY PILOTS TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. IT WAS REVEALED IN DAMASCUS YESTERDAY.

All others captured in Syria, including British and Indian troops, were handed back in accordance with the terms of the Armistice.—Reuter.

AMERICAN CRUISERS IN BRISBANE

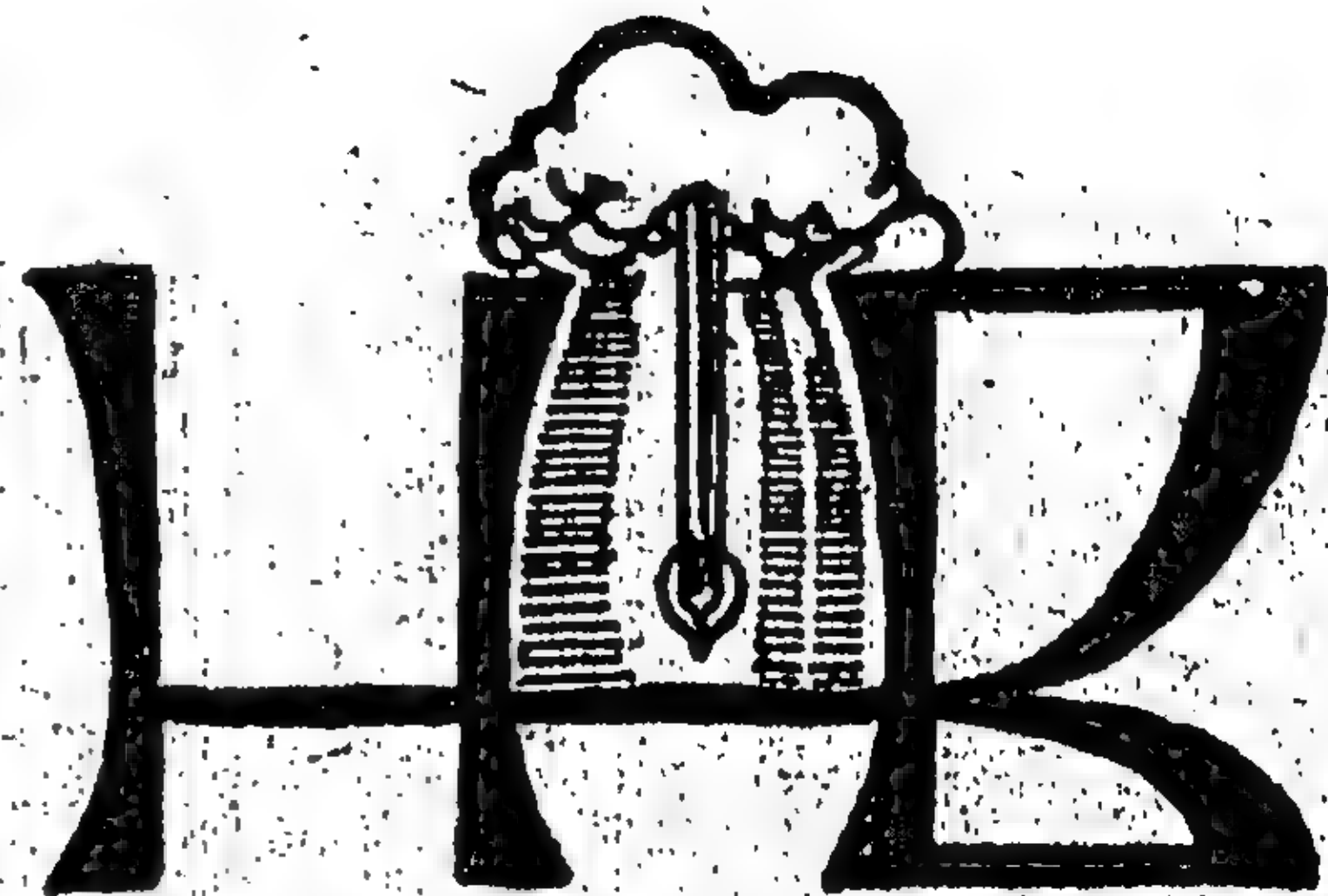
The United States Navy Department has announced that the two heavy cruisers "Northampton" and "Salt Lake City" have arrived at Brisbane, Australia, on what is described as a training cruise.

THE COMMANDER OF THE TWO DESTROYERS IS REAR-ADMIRAL S. A. TAFFINDER. THEY PUT INTO BRISBANE FOR REFUELLING AND SEVERAL DAYS' RECREATION FOR THE CREW.—REUTER.

ITALIANS LOSE A SUBMARINE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Rome yesterday admitted the loss of an Italian submarine operating in the Atlantic.—International News Service.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

China In Stronger Position In The Military Field

DANGER OF INFLATION

THE CHINESE FEEL THEY HAVE GAINED AND NOT LOST BY THE GERMAN ATTACK ON RUSSIA, SAYS "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT IN CHINA DISCUSSING THE SITUATION IN CHINA TO-DAY.

The Chinese, he says, are certain of their own ability, with the material help of other members of the A.B.C. front, to prolong the "China Incident" by another four years or longer.

Meanwhile they expect that it is Japan whose position is becoming more hazardous, beset by economic difficulties, uncertain of her friends and tempted by moves which might easily bring her into open conflict with Russia, Britain, the Indies and possibly the United States, when she already has over a million troops tied up in China.

What can Japan hope for? ask the Chinese.

Not to wind up the China Incident, now in its fifth year, not to win any enduring favour from Germany, likely to betray her as she betrayed Russia, not for the oil of the Indies, where the Dutch are ready to blow up the wells at a moment's notice.

Little Wonder

Little wonder that the Chinese feel if they can weather the economic crisis they can look forward to a future based on the assurance of an Allied victory, prerequisite for a real "new order" under which they can rebuild China for their own people and not for an alien taskmaster.

The correspondent emphasises that the chief field in which China requires help to-day is economic. He recalls General Chiang Kai-shek's repeated statements that the war of resistance is 30 per cent. military and 70 per cent. economic.

Most foreign observers, says the correspondent, are agreed that Japanese efforts to intensify the blockade of China will not alone bring about the economic collapse of China.

Danger Internal

The danger, he adds, is internal; if many of the problems are the inevitable result of four years of war the crucial test will be the manner in which they are tackled.

Although pretty sure of their ability to weather the economic crisis, the Chinese authorities admit that the control of food prices in the interior, despite the execution of food hoarders in Szechuen, is tending to get out of hand.

The new Food Ministry, when it gets into its stride, may be able to curb some or all the evils in the present situation.

Inflation Issue

Foreign experts are agreed that China's economic problems, of which inflation is the most serious, have not yet reached the fatal point, as they did in Germany when she collapsed after the last war, but they feel that forthright methods must be adopted if ultimate disaster is to be averted and that this can be done if the Chinese show the same energy and courage as has brought them through so many other dangers.

The Chinese, if worried by the economic outlook, view their political future with greater confidence, says the correspondent.

The return of Mr. Quo Tai-chi as Foreign Minister is an event of the first importance not

only for China but for the other A.B.C. powers as well.

The vigour of Mr. Quo Tai-chi's policy from the moment of taking office set him in the forefront of Chinese leaders.

Cleared Ground

The severance of relations with the Axis powers cleared the ground in Chungking.

With Britain and the United States both represented by able ambassadors, it will not be Mr. Quo Tai-chi's fault if relations with the A.B.C. powers fail to acquire still deeper significance.

What the A.B.C. powers gained in China by the German attack on Russia, the Axis powers lost, adds the correspondent.

The cutting off of war supplies from the Far East, estimated at 30,000 tons a month, over the trans-Siberian railway alone, is itself a heavy blow.

Abrupt End

Hardly less serious is the abrupt end to Germany's growing trade by the same route in valuable exports by which she was trying to keep alive many of her connections in this part of the world, as well as South America.

It will be long before the German trader in China can hope to recover the almost privileged position and prospects he enjoyed in the potentially enormous Chinese market.—Reuter.

TREASURY CALLS IN SECURITIES

The British Treasury announced yesterday that an Order has been made specifying American securities which the owners are required to place at the disposal of the Treasury for use as part of the collateral securities for the loan of £105,000,000 from the U.S.

The owners are required to deliver documents of title. This should be done through a bank or stockbroker. Receipts will be issued for the securities.

It is emphasised these should be carefully preserved as it will be necessary in connection with any change of title to procure their eventual return to the holders.

Meanwhile the sterling equivalent of the dividends will be paid in accordance with instructions given to the Bank of England on the lodgment form.—Reuter.

COAL RATIONING POSSIBLE

The possibility of coal rationing in the coming winter was mentioned by Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, speaking during the coal debate in the Commons yesterday.

"It may well be," he said, "that in winter time we may have to have a comprehensive scheme of rationing for all non-industrial uses of coal and different forms of fuel."

"Though that may well be, I think we can be fairly certain that it is not likely that our war effort this winter will be impeded for lack of fuel or power, or that the public will still have to suffer an unreasonable rationing scheme."—Reuter.

CHOLERA WORSENS ON ISLAND

Fifty-five cases of cholera were notified during the week-end, in the four days ended at midnight Monday.

The majority were from the Victoria district, which provided a total of 29 cases. There were 9 Kowloon cases in the four days, two from Shauiwan, nine from rural Hong Kong, and five from the New Territories.

ECONOMIC DEMAND ON THAILAND

Many heavy Japanese bombers have arrived at a French air base in Cambodia which was surrendered to the Japanese by Vichy.

Japanese artillery and armoured units are stated to have left for an unknown destination and heavy concentrations of artillery are reported to be taking place on the Thai border.

Mr. Koh Ishii, Deputy Spokesman of the Information Board, admitted in Tokyo that Japan is making economic demands on Thailand or, as he described it, is continuing economic negotiations with Thai.

The "Kokumin Shimbun" stated that Japan's ambition did not stop at the coercion of Thailand and that Japan could not stop her co-prosperity sphere in East Asia without including the Netherlands East Indies.

"The Times" Warns

The London "Times" yesterday issued the following warning to Japan:—

"Japan must be left in no doubt that she will not be allowed to gain anything from her seizure of Indo-China or elsewhere and that Britain and the United States are determined to keep open China's lifeline on the Burma road," said the paper.

"Any further aggression will be immediately followed by most unpleasant consequences."

The economic measures taken against Japan are already having practical effect and consultations are going on with other Governments to make these measures even more effective.—Reuter.

NORWAY AND SOVIET RESUME RELATIONS

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS between the Norwegian Government and the Government of the U.S.S.R. are to be resumed.

Yesterday the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Dr. Trygve Lie, and the Ambassador of the U.S.S.R. in London, M. Ivan Maisky, exchanged letters in which both sides expressed the desire for an exchange of Ministers.

In connection with this announcement Dr. Trygve Lie has made the following statement through the Information Office of the Norwegian Government:—

"I am glad to use this opportunity in order to express pleasure at the resumption of our formal diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union."

"Norway has lived on terms of good neighbourly relationship with Russia for many years and during the period between the two World Wars there was never any conflict between the Governments of the two countries. Both parties naturally have the greatest interest in seeing that this good and friendly relationship is strengthened and developed."

Common Enemy

"We are particularly happy that it is possible for this to take place precisely at a time when the Russian Army and the Russian people are fighting an heroic battle against the German aggressors. It is a fight which arouses the admiration of the world."

"Hitler Germany is our common enemy and the attack on the Soviet Union is first and foremost an integral part of Germany's fight for world domination. The victory of Germany would mean oppression and slavery for Norway and for the whole world."—Reuter.

ITALIAN BUDGET

The Milan correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" says the Italian budget for the year beginning July 1, provides a milliard lire for the relief of needy families of men mobilised in Italy.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S WAR EFFORT

MR. P. C. SPENDER, Australian Minister of War, has given figures revealing the extent of the Australian war effort.

He said that upwards of 50 naval vessels, including minesweepers, patrol vessels, and Tribal class destroyers would be built.

NURSES WANT PAY DOUBLED

Nurses in hospitals and institutions want more pay.

They are complaining at being ignored while those in the civil nursing service are being granted increased pay.

So the Royal College of Nursing, representing 30,000 fully-trained nurses and 8,000 students, has drawn up a proposed new scale of salaries which will be submitted to the Minister of Health.

If these demands were granted they would double nurses' salaries in most cases. Under the proposed scale staff nurses would start at £100 a year, ward sisters at £150, sister tutors at £200 and matrons in even the smallest hospital would start at £250.

The naval personnel had been increased by 350 per cent since the war began, and enlistments were continuing at the rate of 5,000 a year.

The Royal Australian Air Force strength now equalled three army divisions, while the Australians' share of the cost of the Empire Air Scheme was likely to be £60,000,000 by March next.

Originally, Australia undertook to provide 10,000 air crew personnel by next March and 10,000 thereafter, but these figures were increasing beyond recognition.

A.I.F. Casualties

Mr. Spender added that if the war extended beyond 1942, the annual army expenditure would more than total the army expenditure for the whole of the last war, namely, £192,000,000.

He also revealed that the total A.I.F. casualties so far were 1,104 killed and 11,345 wounded or missing.—Reuter.

VICHY STICKS TO THE STORY

Why Indo-China Could Not Be Defended

Reply To Mr. Sumner Welles

MARSHAL PETAIN'S government yesterday replied to the attack by Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant United States Secretary of State, and says that "Mr. Welles expressed some doubt about the energy with which France would react in the event of an attack on her empire at some point."

"Surely the heroic resistance of our troops in Syria to British aggression can be considered an adequate answer."

QUEEN TO BROADCAST ON SUNDAY

The Queen will broadcast a message to the women of America at 7 p.m. (G.M.T.) on Sunday.

The message will be broadcast in the U.S. by the Columbia, National and Mutual networks. It will be heard in the overseas programmes of the B.B.C. as well as in the home programmes.—Reuter.

ADAPTION OF INDUSTRY TO WAR

Progress in the adaption of British industry to war production was illustrated in Commons by the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Andrew Duncan, who stated that 534 complete factories were being released by the concentration in industries subject to the "Limitation of Supplies Order."

A total of 132 factories so far had been closed by the concentration of production in textile trade and others were due to close shortly as materials on which they were at present working had become exhausted. No factory had been closed by order of the Board of Trade.—British Wireless.

TRAMS AGAIN RUNNING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The transportation tie-up in the French Concession in Shanghai, third in recent months, was eased yesterday afternoon when the trams resumed.

Buses are expected to resume later.

Meanwhile 2,000 Chinese employed by foreign-owned photo studios are still on strike. They are demanding pay increases between 50 and 100 per cent.—International News Service.

To Mr. Welles' announcement that America's attitude towards Vichy would be "governed by the manner France defends her empire," Vichy adds that "the problems of Syria and Indo-China were in no sense comparable—Syria was the object of aggression, Indo-China was not."

Moreover, though it is true that the French Empire is one, nevertheless Indo-China's geographical and political position was peculiar by reason of its distance from metropolitan France, and the situation of Japan in Asia.

Could Not Wait

Indo-China, therefore, could not afford to await events which might modify the equilibrium in the Far East.

The disproportion between the Japanese forces and the meagre effectives at France's disposal in Indo-China fully explains the position that confronted her and the inevitable consequences.

The result in no way detracts from French rights, and it is a fact that Japan formally recognises French sovereignty over the whole of French Indo-China. Further, it should be emphasised that in the negotiations leading to the Darlan-Kato agreement, Japan urged that Indo-China was threatened by the Powers opposed to the Japanese Empire.—Reuter.

NEW YORK I.L.O. MEETING

ALL MEMBER STATES HAVE BEEN CONVENED TO A CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION OPENING IN NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 27.

The agenda will include the report of the Acting Director of the International Labour Office on Activities since the last meeting in the summer of 1939 and a discussion of the Report on collaboration between public authorities and employers and workers organisations which will afford an opportunity for a survey of social developments throughout the world at this critical time as well as of the present and future responsibilities of the International Labour Organisation.

Member States have been reminded they are entitled to send a delegation consisting of two government representatives and one each of employers and workers.—British Wireless.

CONSCRIPTION OF ALLIED NATIONALS

The Lord Privy Seal stated in the Commons it was hoped to submit to the House on reassembly after the recess proposals for legislation extending military conscription to Allied nationals whose Governments were established in Britain.—British Wireless.



In Africa's theatre of war—Australians watch the destruction of captured ammunition.

EXTENSIVE R.A.F. RAIDS IN MIDDLE EAST

A NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL operations by R.A.F. heavy bombers in Cyrenaica during the night of August 3/4 are recorded in yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communiqué.

One formation attacked the port of Derina causing considerable damage and starting a number of fires. Two buildings at the base of a mole were destroyed.

Bombs were also dropped on the landing ground and on a battery which was silenced. Other aircraft attacked landing grounds and the dispersal area at Gazala and caused a series of explosions and several fires.

Huts and a camp in the vicinity were machine-gunned from a few hundred feet and about 25 tents caught fire.

An attack was made on enemy shipping off the coast near Apollonia and hits were made on one ship and possibly on another. Enemy merchant ships were again attacked in the same area on Monday and two of them believed hit.

Tripoli Bombed

R.A.F. bombers made a successful attack in the harbour of Tripoli on August 5.

One merchant ship of about 800 tons was hit by a heavy bomb and a violent explosion which followed threw up a great quantity of wreckage into the air.

Two direct hits were obtained on military buildings which were also machine-gunned.

A reconnaissance of Reggio shows that in the attack reported in Monday's communiqué 10 M40s, 200s and a Breda 20 were destroyed while about 20 more M40s were damaged, several very badly.

From the above operations all the British aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

INDIA'S NEW COUNCIL

Members-designate of the Governor-General of India's Executive Council were entertained by the Government at Claridge's Hotel, London, yesterday.

Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, presided.

Members of the United States civil defence mission were guests of the Government at a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel. Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, and Minister of Home Security, presiding.

Mr. John G. Winant, U.S. Ambassador, was among those present.—Reuter.

NAZI CLAIMS

German radio stations last night claimed that the towns of Kholm and Byelaya-Tserkov were in German hands.—Reuter.

CONGRESS WARNED

PRICE LEVELS SOARING

Mr. Leon Henderson, U.S. Price Administrator, yesterday informed Congress that the U.S. is faced with "a very strong and most pronounced increase in the cost of living" even if the Administration's recently introduced Price Control Bill became law immediately.

Testifying before the House Banking Committee as first witness on the new Bill, Mr. Henderson declared that even with the powers conferred by the Bill the Government would have "an enormous load" in trying to prevent the nation's "dynamic and volatile economy" entering the inflationary stage.

Mr. Henderson said the U.S. price structure was near the 1929 levels, and was heading towards the 1919 peaks.

"The country dare not take the chance of inflation. The result might be disastrous."—Reuter.

THE RICE MONOPOLY

In the Council to-morrow, the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone Paterson will ask the following question:—

Will the Government make a statement as to the general policy adopted by the Rice Monopoly which was instituted in accordance with Government Notification No. 617 of 19th May, 1941?

The Hon. Mr. Li Tse-long, will ask:—

With regard to the new Grant and Subsidy Codes for schools which have been recently approved by the Secretary of State, will Government take steps to make the necessary financial provision to bring them into effect from 1st September, 1941?

The Hon. Mr. Lo Man-kam, C.B.E., is to move the following resolution in Legislative Council to-morrow:—

That, in the opinion of this Council, in view of the great importance of the Hawker question in relation to the hawkers themselves as well as to the general public, Government should appoint a Committee to investigate, consider and report on this question generally with special reference to the following points:—

1. To what extent is the system of hawkers necessary in the interests of the poorer sections of the community.
2. Under what safeguards can hawkers of food be permitted to continue to trade without prejudice to public health?
3. If considerations of public health demand the abolition of food hawking either in whole or in part, how such abolition can best be carried out without inflicting undue hardship on existing hawkers.
4. As regards hawkers rendered unemployed as the result of such abolition of food hawking, what provision should be made for absorbing them in other trades or industries, or what provisions should be made for their relief.
5. Having regard to the existing personnel and duties of the Police Force, how can such abolition of food hawking be carried out effectively.
6. What further legislative measures are necessary to carry out the recommendations of the Committee.

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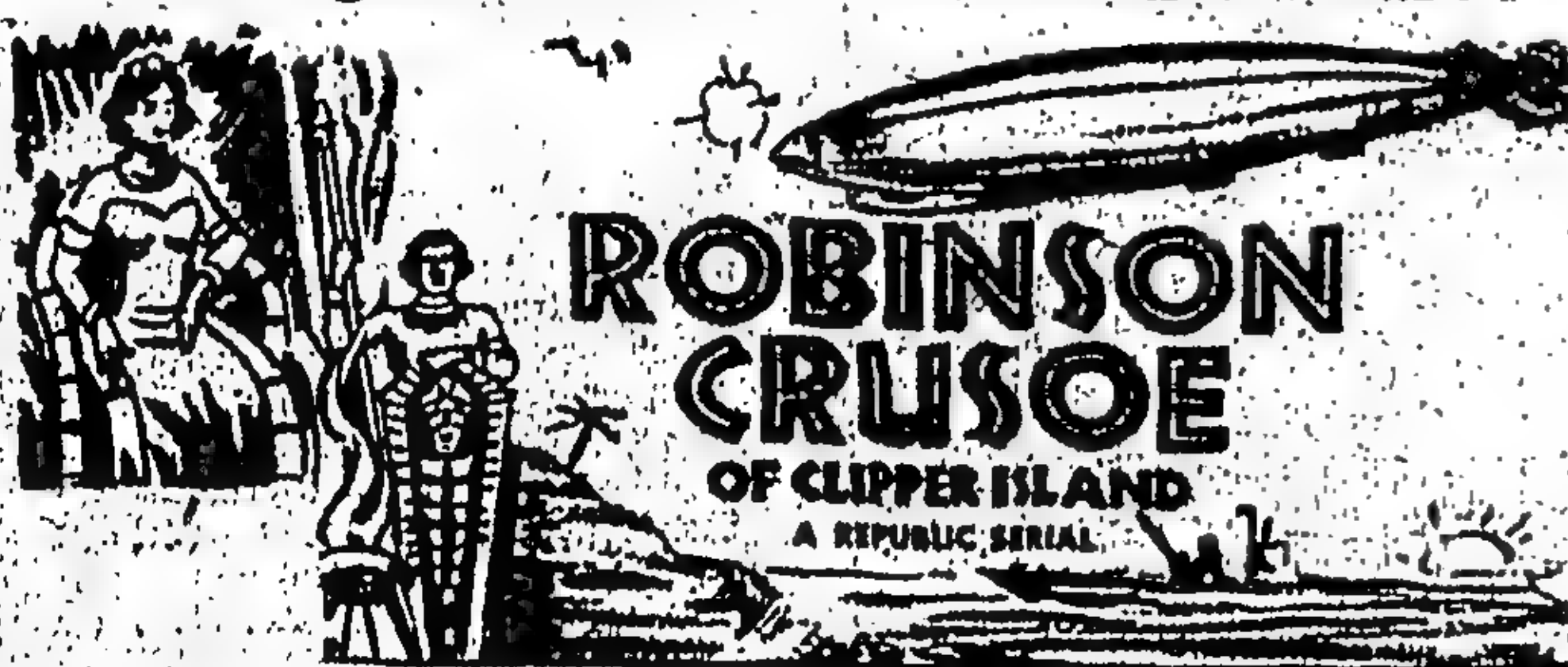
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MOSCOW AIR RAID DEFENCE HIGHLY DISCIPLINED

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent In Moscow)

MOSCOW HAS NOT yet experienced anything like London's gigantic fire raids, but it would already appear that the fire-fighting organisation is more disciplined and more complete than London's.

I talked to-day (Tuesday) with several women who received medals and other distinctions for gallant fire-fighting and the organisation thereof, and also with the assistant chief of Moscow's fire-fighting body, M. Pavlov, who is the recipient of the Order of the Red Banner.

M. Pavlov particularly dwelt upon the controversy as to whether incendiary bombs could be easily extinguished with water, contending that Moscow's experience had shown that if a bomb was tackled with water immediately after it fell, the danger of injury was negligible.

All the women dwelt on the enthusiasm with which the youth of Moscow participated in the fire-fighting and on the sense of social duty shown by the population of Moscow.

One pretty young working-class woman told how they learned from London's example that it was necessary to organise defence and how even before the war they had constituted fire-fighting teams for each committee.

The members were aged from 16 to 65.

Youthful Enthusiasm

Old people did marvelously and the enthusiasm of the youngsters could not be realised by those who had not seen it.

She told of one named Fomushkin, who, while extinguishing incendiary bombs, was flung some distance, clinging to a water-pipe by the blast of a high-explosive bomb which fell in the same street. He picked himself up and continued to put out incendiaries, and also dived into the wreckage of a house to rescue an old man.

She added that it was a job trying to get people to go to shelter.

A young woman factory hand from the old part of Moscow which largely consists of small wooden houses, said that each house had its team of fire-fighters.

Emergency Water

Particular attention has been paid to emergency water supplies and numerous reservoirs have been dug by voluntary labour sufficient to provide for two hours a continuous stream of water.

Every team is provided with fire equipment including pumps, asbestos-lined gloves and caps while tin hats are becoming more general. The watching of premises goes on through 24 hours with two-hour shifts, but as soon as a warning goes, everybody goes to the roof and each member of each team is responsible for a given section of the premises.

Fire-fighters from neighbouring houses are responsible for unattended premises like an evacuated school-building.

One elderly housewife, whose husband is at the front, organised the fire-fighting over a considerable area and since the start of the blitz they have extinguished 68 incendiary bombs without a single outbreak of fire.

On one occasion, it is stated, sixty incendiary bombs dropped simultaneously on one roof, and were put out immediately by ten fire-fighters.—Reuter.

NEED MORE PILOTS TO FERRY 'PLANES

Official forecasts of greatly increased aircraft production beginning in October are coupled with indications in authoritative quarters that scores of young American pilots would ultimately engage in ferrying combat craft to Britain.

For several months aircraft production has moved forward at a relatively slow pace. But by October, tributary industries will begin to turn out needed supplies in quantities which will permit plane manufacturers to run new assembly plants at virtually full speed, with emphasis on the goal of 500 bombers a month.

Evidence of the size of eventual ferrying operations, both inland and transatlantic, lies in the fact that the ferry command has undertaken a programme of training 100 pilots a month in flying multi-engine planes. This is expected to provide more than adequate personnel for getting bombers to their coastal take-off points but, in itself, leave unresolved the big job of getting them across the Atlantic.

While the eventual solution might depend on the extent of American involvement in the war, several possible methods are being discussed. All involve the increased use of United States fliers over the Atlantic, since British and Canadians are required for combat service in England.

One possibility growing out of the recent occupation of Iceland is that the ferry command will turn over planes to the British in Iceland, going there by way of United States bases in Newfoundland and Greenland. Delivery to

Fighter Pilot's Requiem

The following verses were written by an R.A.F. officer at an operational station of Fighter Command in memory of a colleague killed in the Defence of Britain.

Here, in this quiet field beside the stream,
Pole and remote from war, your body lies,
The a-r-r-r-r strife is now a fading dream,
The anguish swift-gone as the wind's shrill cries.

No nightlong vigil proved your chivalry,
No haughty crest your helmet did adorn,
On steel-wing'd charger without livery,
You strode the sky and put the wind to scorn.

Never again the earth in small to spy,
Between the edges of a sun-d-r-r-r-ring cloud
No more against the carrion bird to fly,
With falcon stoop and cannon crying loud.

Never again to see your father's farm,
The treasur'd acres, the squat house, the womb
Of an old race; never on Exmoor warm
In sunlight hear hound music 'cross the combe.

Never to be old, never to lift your eye,
Nostalgic, seeking in the skies you knew
With ageing mind to catch the memory
Of days when England owed so much to you.

You were a son of Alfred and his men
Who stayed the pagan onslaught at Wedmore.
Crusaders sired you; Drake's blood nerved you when
You turn'd a new Armada from our shore.

England rejoice! Rejoice to know your land
Breeds men who count below your liberty
The tawdry gold-lust and the craven band
Who'd freedom pawn for slaves' security.

Seamen, they say, rest happy on the bed
Of ocean, on whose breast they had their toil.
You, who the sky commanded, we instead
Commit with pride to the proud English soil.

that point would reduce the ferrying job by about two-thirds.

Another possibility is that the Army Air Corps may permit some pilots to resign in order to join Atter's staff. It already has released some pilots and mechanics to join the Chinese forces.

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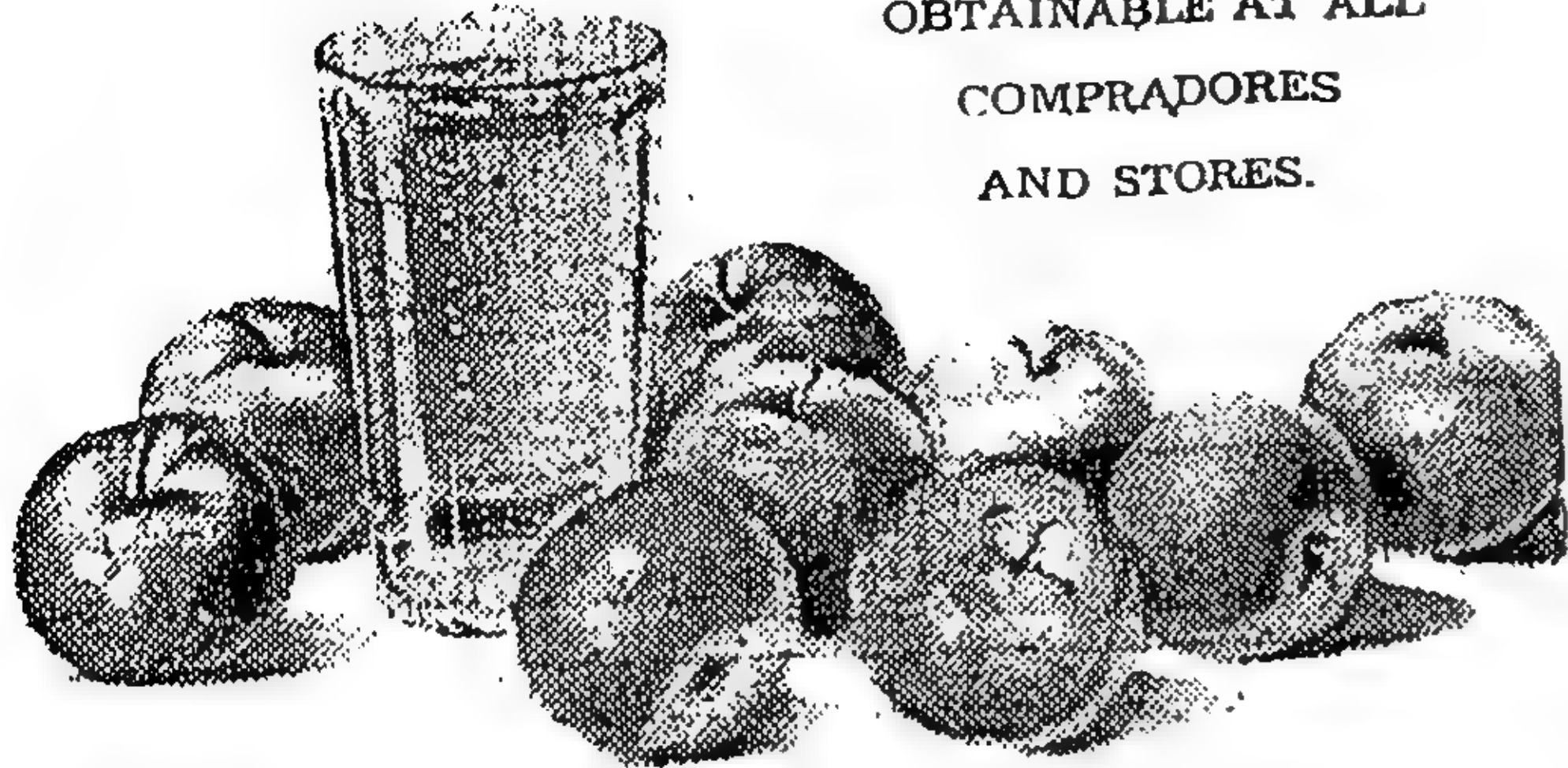
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Hopkins Promises Vast Shipping Aid

HARRY L. HOPKINS, supervisor of the United States lease-lend programme, paused in the midst of a hurried series of meetings and conferences, that had included attendance at one Cabinet meeting, within a few hours of his arrival, to explain the primary reason for his visit.

It was, he said, for the purpose of discussing all phases of American aid to Britain.

The scanty picture he gave of the American industrial effort to supply the sinews of war as well as food and fire-fighting equipment for the civil defence struck British newspaper men who heard it as being, from their point of view, the most optimistic news they had had from America in a long time. The newspapers gave banner headlines to the accounts of his interview.

There were audible gaspings at Mr. Hopkins's suggestion that the American shipping output for 1942 would reach 6,000,000 tons. The possibility of any such output had been seriously questioned here for a long time.

Shipping Plans

"We are launching the biggest merchant shipbuilding programme ever undertaken by any country," Mr. Hopkins said. "We are going to build enough ships to bring our goods to the United Kingdom and into every theatre of war in the world where the democracies are fighting Hitler. This year America is building 1,000,000 tons of merchant shipping and there will be 6,000,000 next year, with substantially more in 1943.

"The whole production effort, both of your country and ours, must be to supply munitions of war sufficient to overwhelm the Fascist dictatorships. It is the purpose of our productive effort and that is the only purpose—to whip this fellow Hitler—and I am convinced that between the British Empire and the United States and those other countries that are still free that we can make this mechanised equipment in vastly superior quantities.

"All those oppressed peoples who are worrying about how this war is coming out must realise that this war just cannot be lost.

"In America production is increasing every month and is going to increase every month until it is far more extensive than anybody realises."

Guarantees Arrival

Replying to a question about United States Navy escorts to see the goods delivered to Britain with a minimum of loss, Mr. Hopkins said:

"You are all probably familiar with the President's statement. He said 'our goods are going to arrive.' All I can say is that we are going to do it. We are going to protect those ships but I cannot discuss details."

There was, in subsequent replies, a suggestion of how Iceland, important as an outpost militarily, is also available for ships flying the American flag now prohibited by law from entering belligerent waters. It was possible, Mr. Hopkins said, to make it a control point where the goods could be transferred.

Mr. Hopkins said that in addition to munitions and other war materials the United States intended to see that huge quantities of food were supplied.

"We are going to see that food and adequate amounts of cheese, dairy products, fats and pork products get over here. The things you need are things requiring a major change in our agricultural economy, which is a great increase in dairy and pork products."

Extended To 1943

Inferentially, Mr. Hopkins revealed the American view that the all-out effort would be necessary until the end of 1943 at the earliest.

"Plans are being made right through 1943 to make sure that the food required to supplement your own productions will be pro-

duced to the necessary extent," Mr. Hopkins said.

On the subject of aircraft Mr. Hopkins said:

"We have launched our vast programme of aircraft production, which is moving rapidly ahead. Great new factories will soon be coming into production, particularly for those heavy four-engined bombers which can reach the easternmost parts of Germany and knock out their factories and sources of supply. We are convinced that between England and America we can produce far more of those planes per month than Germany can, and better ones."

R.A.F. WRECKS AACHEN AND MUENSTER

At least one-third of each of the German cities of Aachen (Aix-a-Chapelle), with 165,000 population, and Muenster, with 144,000, has been destroyed in recent Royal Air Force bombing raids or so seriously damaged that repair work will require months of labour, the Air Ministry states.

Britons declare that the destruction at Aachen and Muenster, two German centres of rail transport for war materials needed by the Nazi war machine on the Russian front, has avenged Coventry and Plymouth, two of Great Britain's worst-hit cities.

Yet, the Air Ministry pointed out, Aachen and Muenster are but two of the targets battered incessantly during the last four weeks.

The heavy raid on Aachen, an industrial centre at the German-Belgian frontier, was made on July 10. Tons of explosives, including some of the R. A. F.'s powerful new bombs, and 7,000 incendiary bombs, were dropped on the city.

Daytime reconnaissance since has shown widespread havoc, chiefly in the centre of the city, but in two other chief areas as well. Craters in roadways gave evidence of a disorganised state of traffic, gas, electricity, and telephone services.

PRIESTS RESIST QUISLING

THE SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS FROM NORWAY THAT OUT OF MORE THAN 1,000 NORWEGIAN PRIESTS ONLY TWENTY-SIX HAVE RESPONDED TO MAJOR VIDKUN QUISLING'S DEMAND TO PUT THEIR SIGNATURES TO AN APPEAL "OF THE NORWEGIAN PEOPLE" FOR A "DECISIVE STRUGGLE AGAINST BOL-SHEVISM AND THE INTERNATIONAL GODLESS MOVEMENT."

The Norwegian bishops, who after several months of unsuccessful effort were finally authorised to hold a meeting in Oslo recently, are being urged by the National Samling to make a declaration in the same sense. Major Quisling's official "Fritt Folk" expresses the hope that the bishops "will dispel the doubts about their position and fight for Christianity's cause despite England and rumours and lies and other anti-Christian things."

"V" FOR VICTORY DRIVE

The major short-wave radio broadcasters in the United States have taken up the subtle "V" campaign.

In at least ten foreign tongues, listeners in the nations now under Nazi domination are reminded nightly that the letter "V" is symbolic of victory for the Allies and therefore of their eventual liberation.

The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System have carefully avoided presenting the subject in a manner that would bring accusations of propagandising from American stations. But their news commentators report regularly on the progress of the British campaign to have the "V" spread in every possible way across the Continent—in chalk on sidewalks, in paint on walls, in tapped Morse code (three dots and dash) on table tops and glasses.

The word for victory does not begin with V in all European languages, but broadcasters have found other words beginning with V that could be used to stimulate hope and resistance. Vitezstvo, meaning heroism, has been used in Serbian broadcasts; vrijheid, meaning freedom, in Dutch, although victorie is familiar to the Dutch people, too. In Czech victory is vitezstvi, in Polish wycienstwo.

Germans say sieg and Norwegians seier. However, the fact that the Germans have found it advantageous to present the V campaign as their own has been interpreted here as proof that many German and Scandinavian listeners had caught on to the meaning.

Victory Song

Recently a "Victory Song" was presented to Bundles for Britain, Inc., to be used in its campaign. Its authors are Saxie Dowell and Bill Livingston and its publisher Dash Connelley, Inc., which published "There'll Always Be an England." The song goes:

V stands for Victory.
V is our call.
Symbol of liberty.
Freedom for one and for all.

V stands for victory.
V is our call.
We will know victory.
For V is the sign of freedom for one and for all.

Men on the street
Tap on the beat:
V for victory
Write on the wall,
Join in our call:
V for victory.

People enslaved
Soon will be saved
We will set them free.
V stands for victory
V is our call.
We will know victory
For V is the sign of freedom for one and for all.

Part of the royalties from the songs and part of the publisher's profits, it was said, will be donated to Bundles for Britain.

BLIND, STEERED ON TO SAFETY

When a British ship was attacked by a Nazi plane the quartermaster got a bullet through an eye.

Despite his injury he went back to the wheel and continued to steer the ship all through the action.

Bombs set the ship on fire, but the captain and several others stayed on board and succeeded in bringing it home.

The story was told in the list of awards issued recently. Captain William Royal Thomas received the O.B.E., Fourth Engineer Peter Gibb Johnstone the M.B.E., and Quartermaster George Taylor, who was shot in the eye, the George Medal.

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THE SHADOW OF NAPOLEON

Through the fog of claim and counter-claim the certainty has emerged that the Germans have sustained a check. Perhaps it is only momentary, and the battle will roll on to-morrow; even so, in six weeks of heavy fighting they have achieved no strategic success comparable to the Sedan break-through, they have clearly failed to cut the Red Army into fragments or paralyse any great sections of it. So Napoleon, advancing in the famous summer of 1812, with his earlier version of the same tactics of speed and encirclement, consistently failed to close his pincers, to bring off his combinations or secure the decisive battle on which he counted. And so the pale ghost of that earlier corporal looms, just a little larger than before, just a shade more ominous, over the Hitler field headquarters.

It is curious how that shadow has grown. We were reminded of it—years ago, it now seems—in Spain. With the first crash of bombs on Poland it was evident that these, in a sense that was never true of 1914-18, were Napoleonic times. When Hitler's barge fleets appeared in the Channel ports we all saw Napoleon's flatboats at Boulogne; and when he switched his planes and tanks from the invasion of Britain to sudden, crashing victory in the Balkans, it was Napoleon, swinging suddenly eastward to Austerlitz, all over again. But it could not be; everything was different, politics, tactics, weapons, economics, propaganda. The parallel was a patent illusion. Yet, with all the differences of time and tempo, the parallel only grows, as if by a kind of remorseless inevitability.

What are Hitler's desperate attempts to organise the economy of all Europe except a modern version of the Berlin decrees and the Continental system? What was the Peace of Tilsit in 1807, with its mystery, its secret division of expected spoils and its utterly anomalous "ideological" base, except the prototype of the Berlin-Moscow pact? And now we are in 1941, after the same prelude in the steady massing of troops on both sides of the border, after the same sudden surprise attack, made with the same inexplicability of under-



HAVE YOU EVER SEEN AN "OSTRICH" KICK?

"Shooting War" Seen

The war has reached two major crises. As the greatest campaign in military history approaches its climax in Western Russia, United States sailors and marines have landed in Iceland, 600 statute miles from German-occupied Norway.

They were makers of history. For the American occupation of Iceland must have incalculable consequences upon the course of the war.

Iceland has been occupied by British troops since May, 1940, first by a small force of Canadians, later by a larger British force. The strength of the troops at their maximum was estimated popularly at 60,000 to 80,000 men, but it is doubtful if it reached more than one-third to one-half of these figures. These British troops, who have been guarding Iceland against possible German seizure and hence a German threat to the northern sea approaches to the British Isles—870 miles away—will now be withdrawn gradually and freed for duty elsewhere. Although the British will retain the right to use Iceland as a naval base, and possibly as an air base, the British garrison will be entirely replaced by

lying motive. And just as the last years of the Napoleonic empire saw it meeting the main shock upon the east, while an unconquered Britain, hanging upon its rear in Spain, wasted French strength, so the same Britain hangs again upon Hitler's rear, making with her bombers much the same sort of contribution.

The conclusion? There is none. It is true that the differences in detail are as immense as the similarities in the broad historical outlines, and the end may be anything. But before the seeming remorselessness with which these broad outlines have reappeared, one is led to wonder: Do they often think of Napoleon at Hitler's field headquarters?

American troops, who will assume sole responsibility for its defence during the course of the war.

Reykjavik, Iceland's port, is 950 miles from Julianehaab, Greenland, where American troops are already stationed, and Julianehaab in turn is 1,000 miles from St. Johns, Nfld., another American outpost, which in turn is 1,250 miles from New York. As planes must fly—with stops at these intermediate ocean

By Hanson
W. Baldwin

outposts—Iceland is, therefore, 3,200 miles away, a distance that is shortened by direct, great-circle routes to about 2,834 miles.

Held Implied

Geographically and strategically there are differences of opinion as to whether or not Iceland is part of the Western Hemisphere. This does not now matter. For Iceland, whether or not it was pertinent to Western Hemisphere defence, was already protected by British troops who are probably better trained and equipped for such a task than the relatively green troops that will relieve them.

Moreover, the President accompanied his announcement of the occupation of Iceland with an even more important announcement. He said:

"I have issued orders to the Navy that all necessary steps be taken to insure the safety of communications in the approaches between Iceland and the United States, as well as on the seas between the United States and all other strategic outposts."

These measures, therefore, obviously imply:

1. First, evidence of the government's intention to help Britain with military means.

2. Our definite participation in a "shooting war."

To Britain, the United States occupation of Iceland is far less important in a military than in a morale sense. It offers evident implications of greater aid to come. And the President's "orders to the Navy" promise material relief to a Britain hard-pressed upon the seas, for if our Navy takes any and all measures—to "insure communications"—patrolling and conveying by surface and air units and shooting and bombing to make such measures

effective—a great increment of strength will be added to the British attempt to defeat Reichsfuehrer Hitler's counter-blockade.

But these things cannot be done, Iceland cannot be guarded indefinitely without shooting; of this there is no doubt.

American objectives in a "shooting war" are not yet defined, however. Are we still fighting a war of limited liability, a strategically defensive war, in which some of our military strength is to be used for the purpose of preventing an outright German defeat of Great Britain and the British Empire? Or is the occupation of Iceland the first step in what eventually is to become an "all-out" offensive effort, not only to prevent the defeat of Britain, but to insure the defeat of Germany? Until these questions are answered the extent of U.S. participation in the war cannot be gauged.

But it is already evident that that participation, regardless of objective, must be considerable. The garrison sent to Iceland probably must eventually grow to the equivalent of at least two divisions, perhaps more. It must include a considerable number of anti-aircraft regiments and coast artillery. The latter may take over the coast defence guns the British already have installed (though an ammunition problem would be involved) but United States troops will probably bring their own anti-aircraft guns and all other equipment with them, and may supplement British coast defence guns with some of their own.

Some of the British air and naval sites may also be taken over, though it is likely that the British will retain some of these for war operations. Iceland has a rugged coastline of some 3,700 miles, deeply indented by fjords, so that surveillance of such a coast is a difficult one, and must be undertaken chiefly by naval vessels and planes. America probably will maintain a considerable naval force, in or near its waters, basing, perhaps in Hvalfjörður, a fjord about fifteen miles north of Reykjavik, which the British are believed to have used as one of their bases. Naval patrol flying boats with long ranges, Consolidated land bombers and probably many reconnaissance and some pursuit planes will complete the defences.

Since it is obvious that once occupied, Iceland must be held regardless of the threat, and since Iceland is plainly in the war zone, the strength of the forces there must tend to increase with time.

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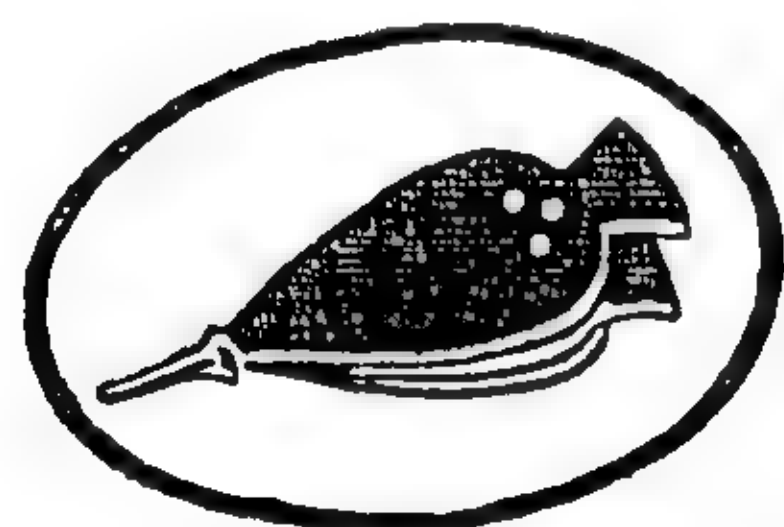
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SIGNIFICANCE SEEN IN GEN. WAVELL'S INDIA APPOINTMENT

THE IMPORTANCE of India in British war strategy is stressed by the Stockholm newspaper "Svenska Dagbladet," which refers to the prominent role of Indian troops in the Middle East fighting.

The newspaper says: "Indian arms production is even more important in the British war effort than the part played by the troops."

"Indian exports to the rest of the Empire increased by £20 millions last year thanks to her tremendously increased war material production."

"GENERAL WAVELL'S TRANSFER TO INDIA WAS CLEARLY ACTUATED BY IMPORTANT MOTIVES."

"Whereas the position in Egypt is now stabilised, the struggle for positions is commencing further east around Iran, while China is now being closely drawn into the British Asian plan, which is as much in the foreground of Anglo-Saxon consciousness as Europe."

Great Victory

"What about the Indians themselves? General Wavell has taken various measures to stimulate the war effort and it is a great victory that members of Gandhi's party have joined the War Council."

Explaining the enormous difficulties of India, due to its different languages and races, the paper adds: "So far the British have succeeded in their task of joining all coloured peoples—except the Japanese—in united resistance against Germany."—Reuter.

U.S. WORKERS SEND MILK WITH TOOLS

A box of 48 pint tins of evaporated milk was found in each of three cases of machine tools from America received at a Ministry of Supply ordnance factory recently.

Attached to each box was a typewritten slip, which read:—

"The employees of Jones Machine Tool Works, Cincinnati, Ohio, have sent this box of evaporated milk to the employees where this machine has been sent. The milk is intended for your children and has been sent without the knowledge of the purchasers of this tool or any agent connected with same."

"We trust this food will be distributed where it is most needed."

The milk has been sent to children in a heavily raided area. The machine tools are already helping to produce guns.

"RED" CHARGE IS DENIED

DR. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, MISS STORM JAMESON, MR. E. M. FORSTER AND DR. G. P. GOOCH ARE AMONG THE SIGNATORIES TO A STATEMENT LAST MONTH DENYING ALLEGATIONS THAT THE FREE GERMAN LEAGUE OF CULTURE IS "COMMUNIST CONTROLLED."

Such a statement declared the signatories, is calculated to do serious damage to the only mass organisation of German refugees in Britain.

"The League takes most seriously its task of keeping alive the spirit of what is best in German culture. It is a cultural and welfare organisation, and in contrast to totalitarian organisations, takes members of every political creed as long as they are against the Hitler system."

The hope is expressed that the T.U.C. which made the original charges, will withdraw them.

AMERICA'S FORWARD STRIDES

The remarkable development in the measures of economic defence taken by the United States Government during the last six months were stressed by Mr. Hugh Dalton in the Commons.

Mr. Dalton, who is Minister of Economic Warfare, explained that the United States' export licensing system which now covers almost all commodities important for war purposes is being strictly enforced and is the most effective means of denying supplies to the enemy.

It is now being supplemented and aided by a big programme of purchases of strategic material in South America which will also deprive the Axis of valuable supplies.

The financial side of the blockade had been much strengthened by the freezing of German, Italian and Japanese assets, said Mr. Dalton in conclusion.

He characterised America's measures as "remarkable."—Reuter.

BIGGER SICK PAY FOR 17,000,000 WORKERS

ABOUT 17,000,000 insured workers—10,500,000 men and 6,500,000 women—will get bigger benefits under the National Health insurance scheme from January next. Sickness and disablement benefits will be raised by three shillings a week.

Nearly half a million more black coat workers are to be brought into the compulsory health and pension scheme by raising the salary limit to £420 a year.

The Minister of Health announced this in the Commons. He said that sickness benefit for a man would be raised to 18s. and disablement benefit to 40s. 6d.

For single women and widows the new rates would be 15s. and 9s. respectively, and for married women 13s. and 8s.

This is the first time for twenty years that there has been a general rise in benefits.

These increases are being made to meet the needs of war-time conditions.

State Grant

The changes will be made possible by payment of State grant and by increasing by 2d. weekly contributions of men and women, 1d. of this increase to be borne by the employer.

WHEN HITLER DIES

"I believe that when Hitler dies, the word 'London' will be found written upon his heart," declared Mr. Arthur Greenwood, at a Bexley War Weapons Week meeting, recently.

"In the eyes of history," he added, "the name of London will be synonymous with German failure."

"We are a slow-moving people, but Hitler is finding that the greatest and most costly mistake he has made was to regard the British race as decadent, spineless and slothful."

SHANGHAI KIDNAPPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

KIDNAPPERS RESUMED THEIR ACTIVITY IN SHANGHAI WHEN THEY SNATCHED HU CHU-KWANG, 39, WEALTHY COMPRADORE OF THE ZOONG ZING COTTON MILL.

The daring abduction was staged by three gunmen and the victim is reported to be in captivity in Chapel.

It is the third case in a month involving cotton mills and political motives are suspected.—International News Service.

Fleet's Night Attack In Sardinia

DESCRIBING THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET'S NIGHT ATTACK ON SARDINIAN PORTS AN AGENCY CORRESPONDENT ON BOARD H.M.S. ARK ROYAL STATES: "BELOW ME THE FLIGHT DECK, WIDER THAN AN ARTERIAL ROAD, IS SCARCELY DISCERNIBLE."

"It is 3 a.m. and the night air is resounding with the hum of aeroplane engines. Their bomb racks are full, for the Gibraltar force of Admiral Somerville is on the offensive."

"In fact the offensive has already begun for three quarters of an hour ago there was a luminous reflection in the sky far away over the coast of north Sardinia. It came from star shells by destroyers sent in to bombard the seaplane base at Alghero and shipping in harbour there."

"Now our bombers are to follow and four tons of bombs beneath their wings are destined for Alghero aerodrome."

"Zero hour is near and the crews are already in the aircraft. A few minutes ago, wearing flying suits and lifebelts, pilots and observers under carefully shaded lights in the Air Intelligence Department were receiving final instructions for the raid."

"The hum of engines increases with a shattering crescendo and suddenly the flight deck is picked out in tiny pin points of light. They match the stars in the dark sky."

"Cunningly devised they cast no radiance to the sky to advertise our presence to a possible lurking U-boat but give a bare minimum of guiding light for a safe take off."

"The deck vibrates as the first bomber thunders forward. Its shadowy outline seems terribly menacing."

Flurry Of Sparks

"As it passed the bridge, the orange glow of the exhaust illuminates a few feet of the fuselage and a flurry of red sparks swirl madly in the wind before they vanish."

"The centre row of safety lights disappear for an instant. We know the bomber is in the air. Within a few minutes all are away."—British Wireless.

DOMINION STATUS

The India and Burma (Postponement of Elections) Bill passed the second Reading in the Lords yesterday without division.

The Duke of Devonshire, replying to the debate, said the object of Government remained the same namely to bring about a state of affairs in India so that she will be able to obtain full Dominion status and become an equal partner in the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The overwhelming majority of the people of India were wholeheartedly with Britain in the war effort, the Under-Secretary for India added.—British Wireless.

CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cholera has struck Shanghai, five deaths being reported in the past week.

The Japanese authorities have enforced a strict inspection of cholera passes before allowing persons to cross Garden Bridge into Hongkew.—International News Service.

BRITAIN'S FOOD REQUIREMENTS

Two officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Mr. Paul Appachey and Mr. R. M. Evans, will fly to London within the next few days to get a first-hand picture of British food requirements and to tell the people of Britain how American farmers are expanding their production to help supply those needs.—Reuter.

BLOCKADE OF FINLAND

Economic measures taken by the British Government in consequence of the entry of German troops into Finland resulted in the blockade of Finland from June 14 stated the Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. Hugh Dalton, answering a question in the Commons.

Early in June, he said, the British Government, having learned that German troops were being stationed in Finland in substantial number, instructed that no more "ship navicerts" be granted and that until further notice vessels bound for Finland and Finnish ships which had sailed be intercepted and detained at a British port.

The position continued to deteriorate and on June 20 instructions were given for the refusal of any more navicerts and export licences to Finland.—British Wireless.

TURKISH TROOPS GREET BRITISH AT SYRIAN FRONTIER

AT THE SYRIAN-TURKISH border last month, British and Turkish troops greeted each other in a symbolic gesture as the Allied occupation of Syria's strategic points was completed by a British motorised column from the Aleppo region.

Following the armoured cars, I drove here with several British officers and correspondents, writes Russell Hill. A milestone on the Aleppo-Antioch road, within sight of a medieval castle, states that Aleppo is twenty-five miles away in one direction and Alexandretta sixty miles in almost the opposite direction. A few yards from the first stone is another, which marks the boundary line between Turkey and Syria.

The British armoured cars passed the Syrian customs house, the functions of which are being carried on by the same officials who were in charge before the capitulation of the Vichy administration. The armoured cars continued on four miles through a kind of no-man's land, until they reached a marker which shows the end of Syrian territory and the beginning of Turkish. From the customs house on the other side of the line Turkish soldiers marched up the road. At the border they came to attention, saluted and then shook hands, smilingly, with the men who had clambered down from the armoured vehicles.

"England — Turkey — Very Good"

Cigarettes were exchanged but language difficulties interfered with a free flow of conversation. The Turkish troops, however, managed English well enough to say: "England — Turkey — very good." At that they smiled, and the British answered with smiles.

PILOT WHO WOULDN'T GIVE IN

Wounded in the head and shoulders during daring attacks in Libya, a young R.A.F. pilot found he had 250 miles to travel before he reached his base.

Gradually his strength failed but by a superhuman effort he fought back unconscious until he reached the British lines.

He made a successful landing behind the lines. Then he collapsed.

The pilot received his wounds in an attack on the aerodrome at Gazala. Diving very low despite heavy A.A. fire, he shot up and destroyed two enemy planes on the ground.

He then swooped on a concentration of mechanised transport, braving a hail of machine-gun bullets.

EX-PREMIERS ILL-TREATED

The doctor attending the former French leaders, imprisoned at a chateau near Riom, has protested against "inhumane treatment" of the deposed statesmen.

The charge was made by Dr. Roulet in the Paris "Le Matin" in telling of the living conditions of the former Premiers Daladier and Blum, General Gamelin, former Allied Generalissimo, and Guy la Chambre, ex-Air Minister.

Dr. Roulet said that in winter heating was not provided.

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BRIDGE NOTES

FINDING OUT By The Four Aces

Every bridge player has to make a certain number of guesses, but part of his success depends upon his ability to find out definite information instead of relying on a guess. For example:

North, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ Q 10 7 3
♦ Q J
♣ Q 8 4

WEST

♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ 8 4
♦ A 6
♣ A K 10 9 3

EAST

♠ J 8 3
♥ 6 2
♦ K 9 8 5 2
♣ 6 5 2

SOUTH

♠ K 10
♥ A K J 9 6
♦ 10 7 4 3
♣ J 7

The bidding:

North East South West
Pass Pass 1-1 2-♣
3-♣ Pass 4-♣ Pass

South probably should have passed at three hearts because he had a minimum opening bid and his partner had been unable to open the bidding originally. But he preferred to go the whole hog, hoping that his partner's hand would be a perfect fit.

West opened the King of clubs, and stopped to think on seeing the dummy and his partner's discouraging deuce of clubs. The "automatic" shift was to a low spade, through dummy's strength; but West thought a little more. His own hand could win three tricks, assuming that South still had another club. The contract could be defeated, then, if East could win one other defensive trick. But what trick could East win?

East almost surely had either the spade or the diamond King if the contract could be beaten. So a spade lead at the second trick would be fine if East had the spade King, but disastrous if East had the diamond King; for South would probably manage to draw trumps and discard a loser on dummy's spades.

Then West thought about laying down the Ace of diamonds. That would be fine if East had the diamond King, but how would it be if East had the spade King? And West noted that it was unlikely to be disastrous. South would have his diamonds set up, but that wouldn't help him unless he had an unusually long diamond suit. So West refused to guess, but laid down the diamond Ace. And East gave the required information by signalling with the diamond nine. Then West led another diamond, and a club return set the contract.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 7 5
♥ K 9 6 4 3
♦ 7 3 2
♣ 10 6

The bidding:
Burnstone Schenken You Jacoby
1♣ Pass 1♥ 2♣
2♦ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner's bidding is very strong, but your hand is too weak for a second bid. There is no real need to go back to diamonds since one suit should play about as well as the other. Passing will keep you out of trouble.

Score 100% for pass, 70% for three diamonds.

Question No. 787

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with your side vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ 8-5-3
♥ A Q 7 5 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ 8-5-3

The bidding:

Schenken You Miller Jacoby
1♠ (?)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Edward O'Henry at the Organ.
No. 20, Nanette—Selection: Show Of Shows—Selection...With The New Mayfair Orchestra.

12.40 p.m.—Otto Dobrindt and his Piano Symphonists.
Will O' The Wisp—Fox-Trot Intermezzo (Herbert Kuster): Rouge Et Noir—Slow Fox-Trot (Hans Pretcher): Straussiana (Arr. Erich Borschel): Chorus of the Clocks—Fox-Trot Intermezzo (Werner Kochmann): Sunny Days—Fox-Trot Intermezzo (Julius Kochmann).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Ben Lyon and Bebe Daniels in Variety.
Orchestral—Love And Learn (from film "That Girl from Paris"—Arthur Schwartz, Edward Heyman)...Abe Lyman & his Californians.

Duet—Little Swiss Whistling Song (Parr-Davies)...Bebe Daniels & Ben Lyon with Orchestra.

Vocal—Deep Purple (De Rose, Parish)...Bebe Daniels with Orch.
Orchestral—Mile-Or-Mo Bird Rag. Early Mornin' Blues (Ammons)...Albert Ammons & his Rhythm Kings.

Vocal Duet—There's A Small Hotel (from film "On Your Toes"—Rodgers & Hart)...Bebe Daniels & Ben Lyon with Orchestra.

Orchestral—Ya Got Something There (Tennent-Hart & Hyton), The Bassoon (Ashlyn)...Jack Hyton & his Orchestra.

Vocal—Cheerful (from "Apple Sauce"—Carr, Kitchen, Westgart)...Bebe Daniels with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra with Winnie Melville.
Ball At The Savoy—Selection (Abram)...Drury Lane Theatre Orch.
Whisper In Your Dreams (Levyng)...The Meaning Of A Rose (Bealy)...Winnie Melville with Orchestra.

Glamorous Night—Selection (Novello) Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra.
My Man (Adams)...Winnie Melville with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Arthur Young and Hatchett's Swingtette.
Dearest, I Love You; Mind, The Handie's Hot (Noonan); Beat Me, Daddy, Fight To A Bar (Raye, Prince, Sheeby); Ida, Sweet As Apple Cider (Leonard); How Am I To Know? (Parker, King); Brother Jackle (Frere Jacques)—Tradition; All The Things You Are (Kern, Hammerstein); Rumpel-Stillts-kin Quick-Step (Tobias, Lewis); I Hear Bluebirds — Fox-Trot (Woods, Tobias).

7.15 p.m.—Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour in a Hawaiian Programme.
Nohen I Muolau Lani; Samoan Love Song (from "Taboo"—Corryn Kilbel)...Andy Iona & his Islanders.

Hawaiian Paradise (Owens)...Bing Crosby with Dick McIntire & his Harmony Hawaiians.

My Tune (My Man), Hawaiian Novelty (Noble & others); Hawaii Sing To Me—A Hawaiian Lullaby (F. Mills)...Andy Iona and his Islanders.

Moonlight And Shadows (from film "Jungle Princess"—Robin)...Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.

Hawaii March (Gino Bordin)...Gino Bordin & his Hawaiians.

Trade Winds (Friend, Tobias)...Bing Crosby with Orchestra.

Charm of Hawaii (Gino Bordin)...Gino Bordin & his Hawaiians.

On A Tropic Night (from film "Tropic Holiday"—Washington); Panamanian (from film "Swing High, Swing Low"—Coslow, Siegel)...Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.

On The Dreamy Moana Shore (Dyson); Tropical Hulas (Cunha, Nape)...South Sea Islanders.

Song Of The Islands (Arr. King); Aloha Oe (Farwell to Thee—Kennedy)...Bing Crosby with Dick McIntire & his Harmony Hawaiians.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"It's That Sand Again" (ITSA). Tommy Handley & "Funt" in a seaside show-down written by Ted Kavanagh; produced by Francis Worsley.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Compositions of Haydn. Overture in D Major...Orchestre De La Societe Des Concerts.

Minuet In C Sharp Minor (Cis Moll); Chant of Waltzes...Wanda Landowska (Harpischord).

My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair...Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Piano.

Symphony No. 6 in G Major — The "Surprise". Symphony — 1st. Mov: Adagio cantabile—Allegro vivace; 2nd Mov: Andante; 3rd Mov: Allegro molto; 4th Mov: Allegro di Molto...The Boston Symphony Orchestra cond. by Serge Koussevitzky.

The Heavens Are Telling—"The Creation"...Royal Choral Society & London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Dr. Sargent.

Menuet...Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Mozart—Sonata in A Major. 1st Mov: Andante grazioso, Variations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6; 2nd Mov: Menuetto and Trio; 3rd Mov: Alle turca—Allegretto & Coda...Edwin Fischer (Piano).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Studio—Our Letter From Free China.

10.30 p.m.—Half An Hour From Musical Comedy.

Casanova—Selection (J. Strauss, arr. Benntzsky)...The New Mayfair Orchestra.

Bitter Sweet—Vocal Gems (Noel Coward)...Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

If The Deck—Vocal Gems (Youmans)...Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

The Love Race—Selection (Clarke)...The New Mayfair Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London—"Britain To-day"—Discussion.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

MONTHLY BROADCASTING REPORT

FOR JULY, 1941

Actual hours of transmission totalled 448½ of which 206½ were devoted to European Programmes, 217 to Chinese Programmes and 25¼ to Indian Programmes as follows:

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Feature Programmes (including Broadcast to Australia) 5
Studio Talks (including Book Reviews and Newsletter) 14
Local Relays (including Church Services) 3
Sunday Evening Epilogues 3
Davenry Relays (including News) 146
Programmes in French (News, etc.) 31
Programmes in Portuguese 4
Z.E.K. (Chinese) 62
Morning transmission 155
Evening transmission 217

During the month apart from recorded programmes the following items were broadcast:

Studio Concerts 25
Studio Talks 29
Children's Concerts 9
Davenry Relays 19
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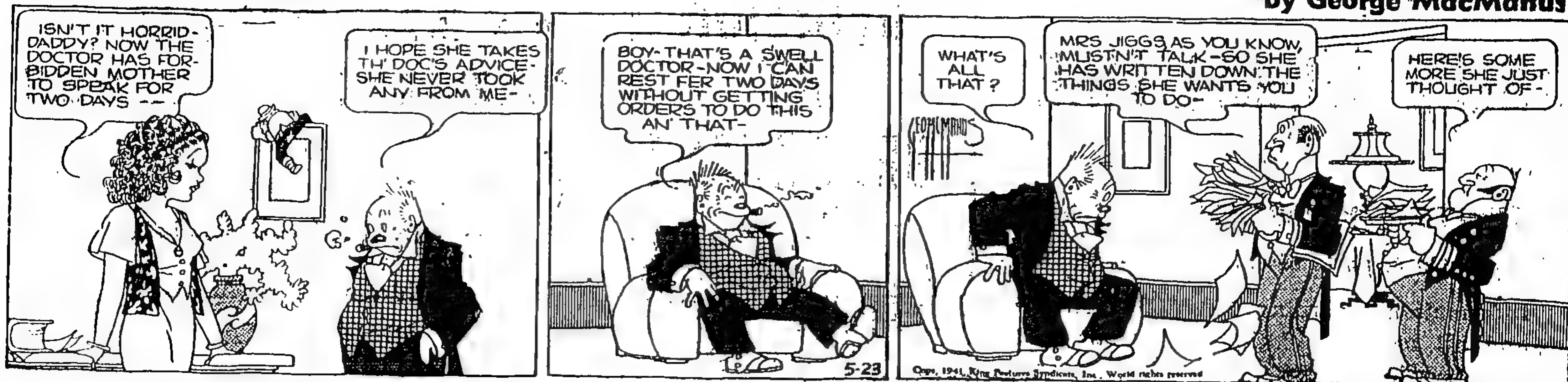
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN To Prevent Heat Exhaustion

Each year I think it wise to warn readers against heat exhaustion and sunstroke. Here are some rules which should be memorised by all.

Avoid prolonged exposure to sun or excessive heat either indoors or outdoors.

If exposed to direct sun keep the head covered.

Wear light, porous clothing during hot weather.

Remain where there is circulation of air, if possible. An electric fan may be used to create a breeze.

Avoid undue physical exertion. Drink adequate amounts of cool water (not iced). The body is cooled by perspiration but the fluid lost must be replaced by a large intake of water. This varies with the individual and the length of exposure to heat. (Often 8 to 12 glasses a day are needed.)

Use a liberal amount of salt with food or add it to the water. This replaces salt and other elements lost through perspiration.

The drinking of slightly cooled water containing small quantities of salt (one-quarter teaspoonful to one quart of water) is particularly effective in preventing heat cramps or the recurrent attacks of muscular spasm among persons exposed to high heat.

Observe healthful living habits — sufficient sleep, frequent baths, well-selected and usually light foods, regular and thorough elimination.

To Treat Heat Exhaustion

Signs: Pallor, cold, moist skin, rapid, shallow breathing; pulse weak; temperature subnormal; patient usually conscious.

Treatment: Call a doctor. Lay the patient in a cool, quiet place, in a reclining position. Loosen the clothing. Keep him warm with a hot water bottle, blankets or other means. If conscious, give him a stimulant — tea, coffee, or aromatic spirits of ammonia (one teaspoonful in one-half glass of water.)

How To Treat Sunstroke

Preliminary Symptoms: Dizziness, sometimes nausea, acute pain in the head. In true sunstroke, the symptoms are rapidly followed by unconsciousness.

Signs: Unconsciousness, skin dry and hot, face red or purple, breathing difficult, pulse rapid, temperature high.

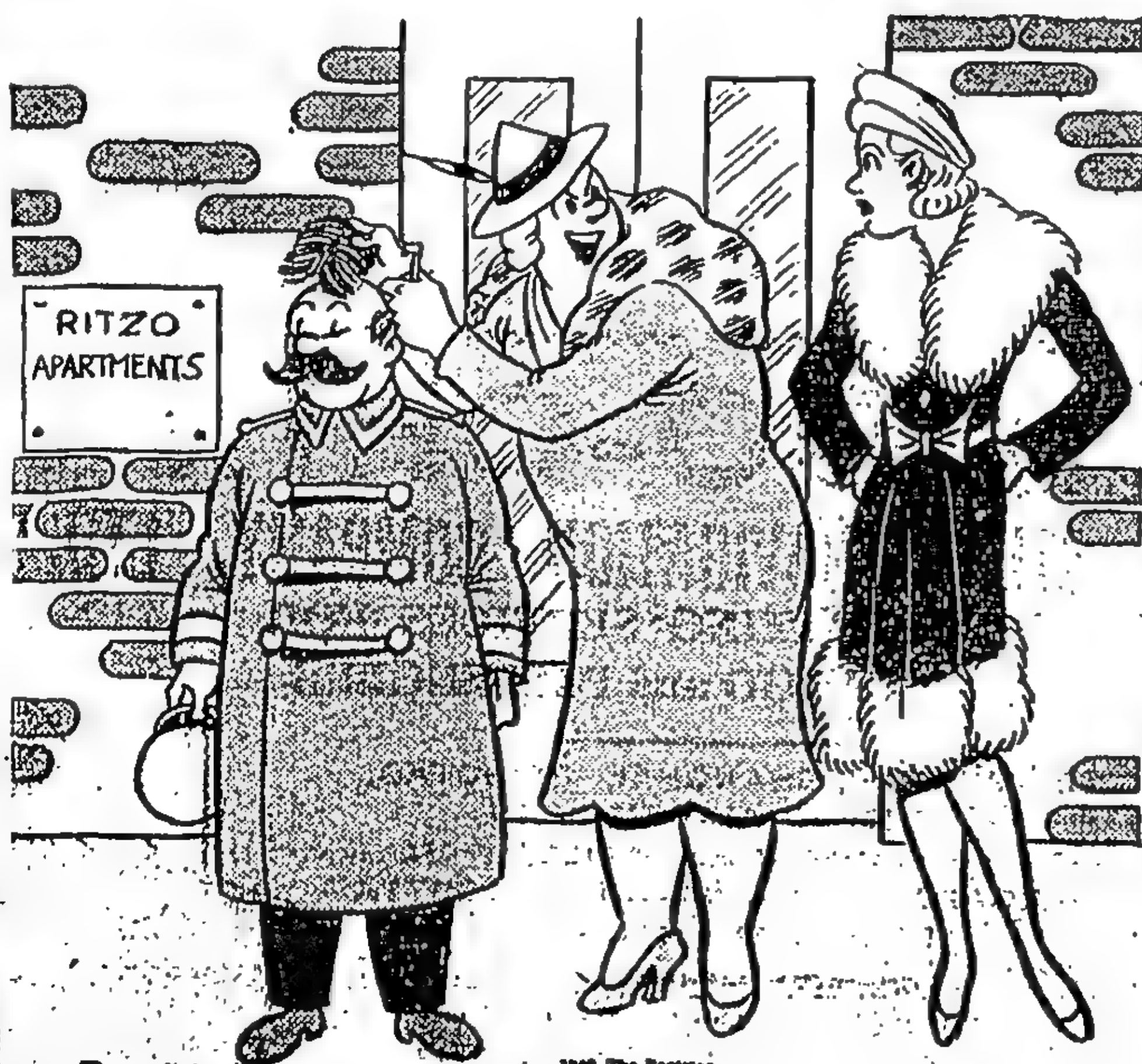


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Treatment: Call a doctor. Remove the patient to a cool place, lay him on his back, remove as much clothing as possible. Reduce the temperature by sponging the body with cold water. Apply an ice bag or cold cloths (iced if possible) to the head. Rub the hands and trunk towards the heart to induce circulation. Give no stimulant. These rules apply to all ages.

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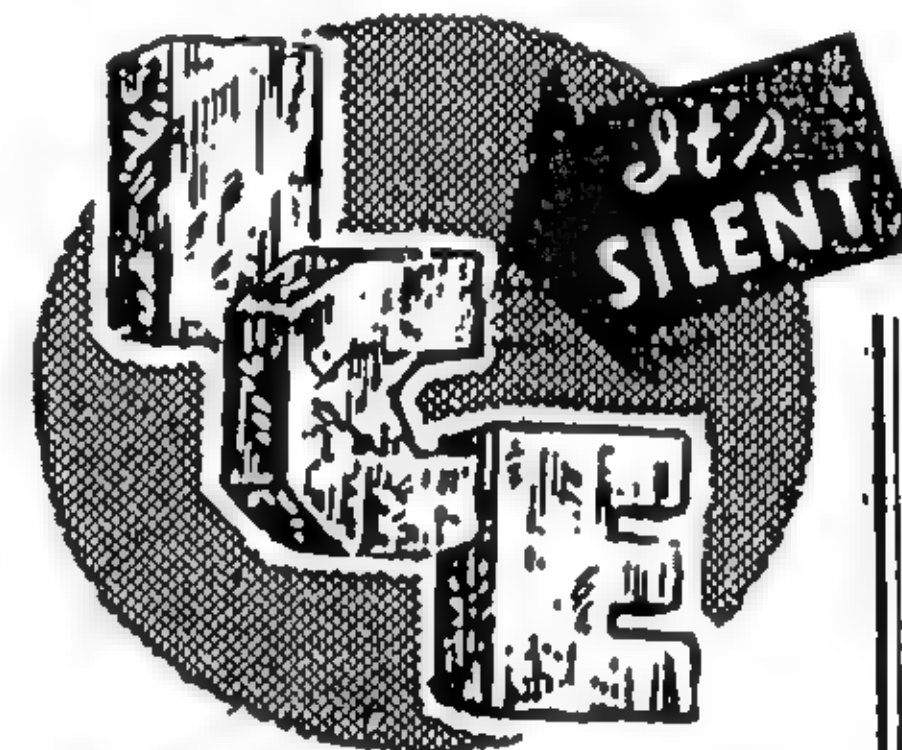
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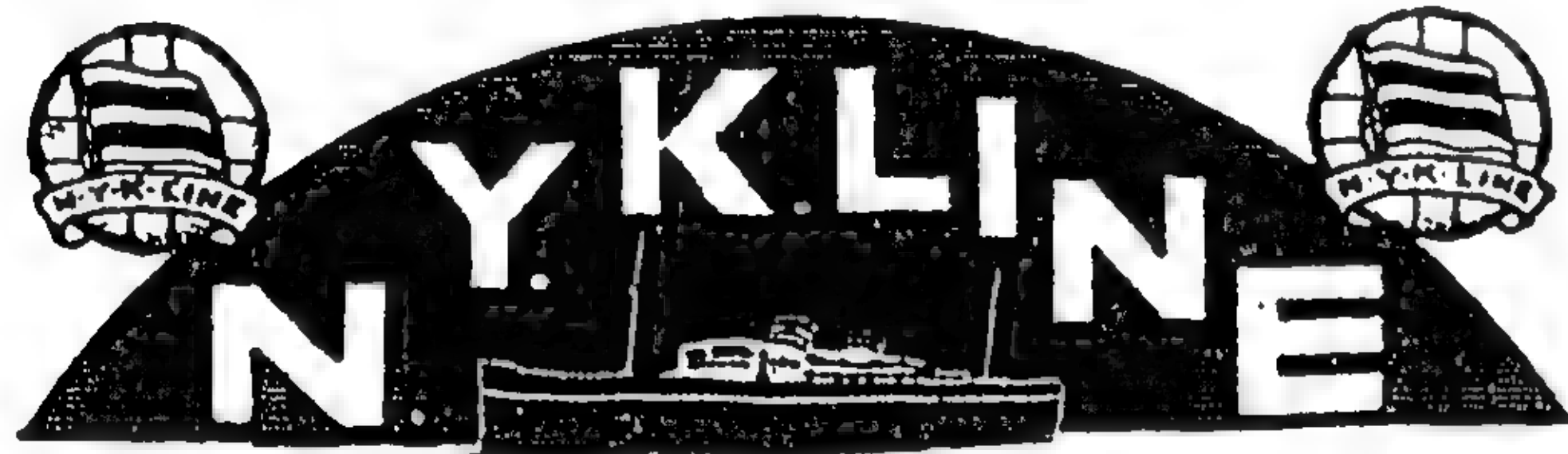
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Bill is in his early twenties, a slightly-built young man who says little but listens keenly. Because he was employed on the domestic staff of a large mansion in peace time he was made a mess steward when he joined the R.A.F. He now waits at table in the Officers' Mess of a bomber station.

But Bill is growing restless. If you want to meet him at his most restless moments you should be in the mess in the early hours of the morning, when the cocks at the farms around the flying field have finished their crowing and the curtains of the dining room are pulled back to welcome the light of a new day.

It is then that pilot officers, flight lieutenants and squadron leaders come in to breakfast after a night trip over Germany, over enemy occupied France or Holland. They have handed over their aircraft to the ground staff, have been interviewed by the Intelligence Officers, and now have an appetite for breakfast before going to bed. A few look weary, but Bill is always amazed to see how fresh, how talkative most of them appear to be. And the more they talk the more interested Bill becomes, and the more excuses he makes to remain near their table.

He overhears conversations such as this:

"An Me. came up at us on the way back, but we scared him off. Pass the butter, please. Some mighty fine fires. How did the flak strike you, Tony? Or didn't it strike you?"

"Clouds beat me to it, and I couldn't see much. The search-lights made a fine show going over the enemy coast."

"Jove! This bacon and egg tastes good. We got shot about a good bit. Holes all over the port wing, but it takes more than holes to wreck a Whitley."

More Tea ?

"You're right. I almost tried looping the loop with her. I think she'd do it, too. More tea, Bill."

"You must have been just behind us when we dropped those flares. Jerry pumped away, and I thought you'd got a packet."

As Bill brings more tea he just cannot help asking a question. "What happened to your hand, sir?" he enquires from a young pilot officer.

"Oh, just a tickling scratch. Bill. A bit of shrapnel bobbed up. Missed the navigator's head by inches and grazed past me."

Towards the end of breakfast conversation flags. They are becoming drowsy. One by one, or in couples, they stroll away to bed, and Bill tidies the table in readiness for the later breakfast of those who did not operate last night. To-night it may be Berlin, Dusseldorf, or Hamburg, Brest or Bremen, Kiel or Cuxhaven.

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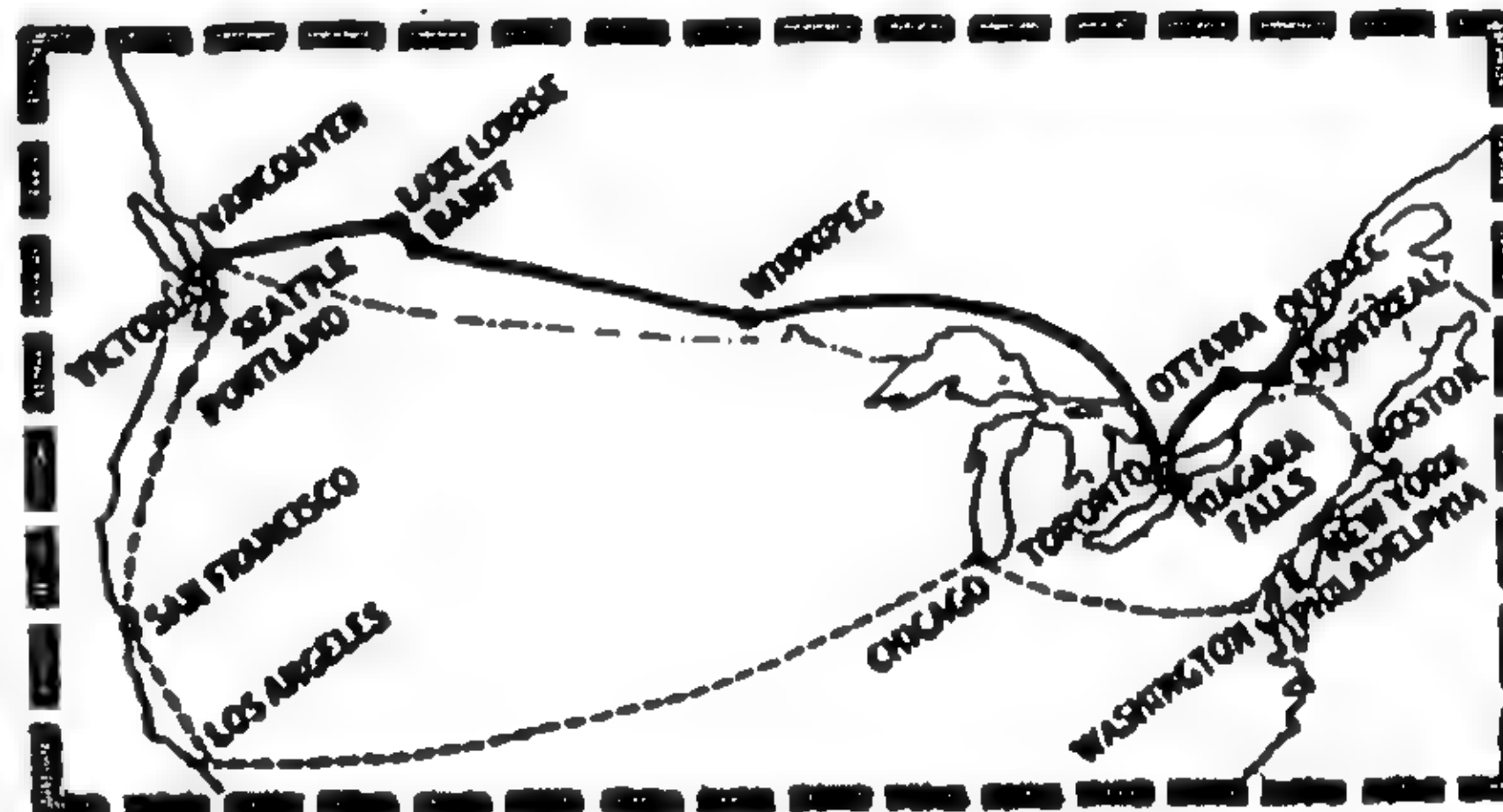
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PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways X.D. \$16.70 b., \$17.20 s.
China Lights (Old) \$5.90 b., \$6.10 s.
H.K. Electrics Ex. Rts. \$21.90 sa.
H.K. Electrics (New) \$21¼ s.

INDUSTRIALS

H.K. Ropes \$8.30 b., \$8.60 s., \$8.40 sa.

STORES & C.

Dairy Farms \$19.10 s.
Watsons \$10¼ b.

MISCELLANEOUS

Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 1/6.

LAST DAY'S SALES

50 Union Ins. @ \$405
500 Realities @ \$3.10
100 Electrics "O" X. Rt. @ \$21.00
60 Electrics Rts @ \$11
100 Cements @ \$14.30
200 Ropes @ \$8.40
500 Marsmans (H.K.) @ 1/6

BLITZED CANARIES SING AGAIN

Hundreds of blitzed birds, mostly canaries and budgerigars, rescued from the debris of their bombed homes, have found sanctuary in the R.S.P.C.A. aviary at East Molesey, Surrey. There, in thousands of cubic feet of safety, bomb-shocked or injured birds learn to fly again.

The birds are being kept for the duration of the war on condition that they are not shut up in small cages afterwards.

British birds that have been discovered illegally caged in bombed houses are cared for until they are fit to fly.

The food problem is overcome by training the birds to get used to seeds and weeds that grow in this country.

"The budgerigars are our chief difficulty," Miss Margaret Bradish, who is in charge of the aviary, told "Daily Mirror." "But even they are getting used to their new diet now."

"Our only trouble-makers are two parrots who bully their small neighbours. We have named them Hitler and Goebbels."

"Apart from a few exotic birds from foreign countries we have mostly birds that have been kept in cages until their owners were bombed out."

SOUTH CHINA AQUATIC GALA

At North Point last night South China Athletic Association held its second swimming gala of the season. Following are the results:—

50 Metres Back Stroke:—1. Ngai I-ming-wah; 2. Fong Kwok-yu; 3. The Sih-ho. Time: 41 2-3.

200 Metres Breast Stroke:—1. Ho Bun-kun; 2. Kam Wah; 3. Tsang Yeung. Time: 3 9.3.5.

Ladies' 100 Metres Free Style:—1. Li Po-luen; 2. Chiu So-bik; 3. Ho Wai-mui. Time: 1.41.

50 Metres:—1. Au Leung-wah; 2. Fong Kwok-yu; 3. Cheung Shi-cho. Time: 31.4.5.

50 Metres Handicap (Training Class):—1. Yeung On-ping; 2. Fong Kwok-yu; 3. Li Yu-sing.

200 Metres Breast Stroke (Handicap):—1. Cho Sai-bok; 2. Tsang Yeung; 3. Wong Tai-keung.

50 Metres Mixed:—1. Chan Chung-chak; 2. Wong Lan-san.

Ladies' 200 Metres Breast Stroke (Handicap):—1. Chiu So-bik; 2. Ho Wai-mui; 3. Li Po-luen.

Under Water Swimming:—1. Lam Kul-on (37.2 metres); 2. Kwok Chiu-loong (28); 3. Wong Chan-man (26.3).

Water Polo:—South China lost to Chinese Bathing Club 2-1.

Nearly every day some injured canary is brought in, his feathers stiff from plaster. They are left in the flying school until they have learnt to use their wings again.

AN ALL-HONG KONG SCHOOLS' CRICKET LEAGUE SUGGESTED

ALTHOUGH THE CRICKET SEASON IS STILL A MONTH AWAY, INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE LEAGUE WILL BE RUN AGAIN THIS YEAR, VOLUNTEER DUTIES AND OTHER CLAIMS ON THE PLAYERS' TIME NOTWITHSTANDING.

SHANGHAI TENNIS TOURNEY

The draws for the Shanghai Men's Singles and Doubles Tennis championships, and the International Doubles tourney were recently announced, and a glance through the names will indicate that in the absence of the titleholder, Lew Carson, competition will be very keen for the singles crown.

On current form Humbert Collaco and Pokor Tong are conceded the best chance of bringing off the championship, with the Okada-Kiyosu and Pokor Tong-Kho Sin-oi the most favoured combinations in the doubles event, while Japan should annex the International Doubles trophy.

Most interest in the tournaments will be centred round the Doubles where no fewer than 20 pairs are out for the honours. Squires, in partnership with Sullivan, will have a hard passage if they are to break through to the final brackets as the opposition in their section of the draw is studded with potential champions.

In the upper half Green and Indrickson are outstanding.

China has 11 players in the Singles tourney out of the 17 and from the draw an all-China final is not an impossibility. Humbert Collaco should figure in the final round, despite the obstacles in his path, with Pokor Tong in the top half. Tennis Kwok, former Hong Kong tennis player, is also in the competition.

Taking the League tussles as a criterion, Japan should walk off with the Roper Cup easily.

The complete lists are as follows:

Men's Singles Senior

J. V. T. Wang—bye; A. M. Rozario—bye; C. C. Squires—bye; Tennis Kwok—bye; T. C. Chang—bye; Pokor Tong—bye; S. T. Wong—bye; H. V. Hirschberg v. H. P. Madar; H. C. Collaco—bye; Y. T. Dschou—bye; Kho Sin-oi—bye; Z. L. Sia—bye; H. K. F. Li—bye; T. Chao—bye; E. T. Indrickson—bye; Wei Wen-ta—bye.

Men's Doubles

H. K. F. Li and J. V. T. Wang—bye; T. H. Wei and K. C. Tsai—bye; Tennis Kwok and S. S. Yung—bye; F. K. L. Wang and S. S. Y. Chu—bye; E. T. Indrickson and D. Green—bye; A. M. Rozario and V. A. S. C. de Souza—bye; L. Margal and S. A. Collaco—bye; H. C. Yung and P. K. Sung; T. T. Yui and Y. T. Dschou; N. Sadnikoff and G. Goldthorpe; K. Okada and Y. Kiyosu v. P. G. Goldstein and H. Schaffer; W. Kwok and N. N. Liu v. C. C. Squires and F. F. Sullivan; H. P. Madar and F. R. Kermah—bye; T. T. Chu and T. C. Wang—bye; S. Zee and C. How—bye; E. Tsai and T. Liang—bye; Pokor Tong and Kho Sin-oi—bye; M. Ma and Wm. Wu—bye.

BASKETBALL TO-DAY

Following is to-day's League Basketball programme:
Ping-Ching v South China.
Yu-Leang v National University.

FOOTBALL COACH PASSES

Howard Jones, famed football coach of the University of Southern California, died in Los Angeles on July 27.

Enquiries from an official of the League elicited the information that the Annual General Meeting of the League will be called towards the end of this month, or early in September, when the season's fixtures will be drawn up, while from another source it is learned that more Sunday matches will be played this year than was the case last season.

A suggestion has been made regarding the organisation of a Schools' League, and, though confirmation is lacking, it is understood that a meeting of the schools will be called prior to the League meeting. If the former should decide in favour of running a competition, the League will be approached for assistance in the matter of grounds, though as far as can be seen at the present this would be more a question to be decided by the different cricket clubs of the Colony than the League.

Queen's Below Standard

Queen's College, one time boasting several excellent boy cricketers, appear to be unable to get out of the doldrums into which they sank a few years back. This is difficult to understand in view of the fact that the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School send up groups of boys every year who are keen on the game.

Central British School, for many years one of the leading school teams, producing players like W. S. Gegg (University), K. M. Baxter (Kowloon C.C.), G. Ainslie (Civil Service) and R. Holden, formerly of Hong Kong Cricket Club, is now no more due to the evacuation.

For the past year or two, La Salle has boasted the best results from the "nursery" point of view, and Club de Recreo have benefited greatly. Two of La Salle's most promising youngsters, young Carvalho and da Roza, are at present in Australia and reports from "down under" indicate that they have done quite well in cricket in their respective schools, where the advantage of coaching has shown its results.

FOOTBALL STARTS ON STONECUTTERS

Early August is hardly the weather for soccer, but 22 hardy souls on Stonecutters Island yesterday decided it was cool enough for some pre-season practice, and the result was a very good game between Stonecutters East against Stonecutters South. So close, in fact was the match, that the end of 60 minutes' play found the score sheet blank.

There was a suggestion about extra time, but it was generally agreed that an hour of strenuous football in this weather was quite enough for even the keenest, so the teams decided to cool down with a bathe at one of the excellent beaches on the island, agreeing to battle again some other evening on the football field.

It may not be generally known that Stonecutters boast two football fields, one in the South and the other in the East. Yesterday, South were playing at home, but when they meet again, East will enjoy the ground advantage.

Included in the East team were three Navy League footballers, Croft, Breese and le Page, the last-named playing a good game at inside-right. Richardson, at left-back, also played well for the Easterners.

"South" included three Chinese, who showed good ball control with Ho Sum at right-back, outstanding.

The teams were:
East: Goodwin, Tract, Richardson, Sator, Hall, Croft, Breese, le Page, Perkins, Bell and Burford.
South: Seabrook, Ho Sum, Topliff, Smith, Baxter, Ye Fook, Nickerson, Burns, Crose, Burrows and Teang Sik-chong.



A tennis moment during the Mindanao v. Chung Hwa baseball tilt on Saturday last, when the sailors made almost sure of the pennant for the second year in succession by winning by 14-1. "Grandpa" Leung, coach and first base of Chung Hwa, is seen here at bat with Tony Macdavage catching. The umpire is Sgt. Welford, Royal Engineers.

TWO CLOSE OPEN PAIRS MATCHES

Two of the few remaining games in the Second Round of the Colony's Lawn Bowls Pairs championship were played yesterday and both were closely contested.

INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING ENTRIES

Owing to the mid-summer holidays, the Inter-school swimming meet for boys and girls organised by Victoria Recreation Club has not received the support anticipated but sufficient entries have been received from the few schools participating to ensure some measure of success.

Among the girls taking part are several who have figured prominently at the various club galas and among these are the Misses J. Anderson, Y. Yelle, Ko Mui-ling and C. Guterres.

Following are the events and entries:

SENIORS
200 Yards free-style Relay: Diocesan Boys' School, La Salle, St. Stephen's College.
150 Yards Medley Relay: Diocesan Boys' School, La Salle College, "A", La Salle College "B", St. Stephen's College.

100 Yards free-style: C. R. Rosset (D.B.S.), J. Gomes (La Salle), and Wm. Teo, Wolfgang Yui, Ma Chan-ling, Then Han-hoi, Leong Ming-sen, Khoo Kwen-hwie (St. Stephen's).

220 Yards free-style: J. Roza-Pereira (La Salle), and Wm. Teo, Tan Yon-chai, Ma Chan-ling, Boone Siong-loy, and Tan Teik-wei (St. Stephen's).

100 Yards breast-stroke: Mak Ting-chee and G. Rosset (D.B.S.), Kwong Chiu-sheung (La Salle), Wolfgang Yui, Tam Yao-choi, Chen Yen-shan and Leung Kai-wai (St. Stephen's).

100 Yards back-stroke: G. Rosset (D.B.S.), A. V. Lopes (La Salle), and Ip Ting-yue, Then Han-hoi and Boone Siong-loy (St. Stephen's).

Diving: C. Whitfield (D.B.S.), Marcus Ng, and B. Pomeroy (La Salle), and Wolfgang Yui, Chang On, Ma Chan-shong, Leong Ming-sen, Ng Siu-hoo (St. Stephen's).

JUNIORS

220 Yards free-style Relay: Nam Wah School, La Salle College, St. Stephen's College.

150 Yards Medley Relay: Nam Wah College, La Salle College, St. Stephen's College.

100 Yards free-style: Lee Cheuk-lam (Nam Wah School), R. Souza (La Salle), and K. Thomas, Chou Yen-hoi, Wong Ping-kin, Wong Ping-kwong (St. Stephen's).

50 Yards free-style: Lee Shiu-lung, Ching Koon-yeo, Lee Cheuk-lam (Nam Wah School), W. Ribeiro (La Salle), Ko Wat-lung (St. Joseph's), K. Thomas, Kosett, Chou Yen-hoi, Wong Ping-kin, Wong Ping-kwong (St. Stephen's).

50 Yards back-stroke: Ching Koon-yeo (Nam Wah School), C. Guterres (La Salle), Ching K. Yee (Nam Wah), W. Ribeiro (La Salle).

50 Yards breast-stroke: Lee S. Leung, Ching K. Yee (Nam Wah), W. Ribeiro (La Salle).

Diving: Lee Shiu-lung (Nam Wah), C. Guterres (La Salle), K. Thomas, Chou Yen-hoi (St. Stephen's).

GIRLS

200 Yards free-style Relay: St. Mary's School and French Convent.

50 Yards free-style: Miss C. Guterres (St. Mary's School), Miss Ko Mui-ling (Ying Wah School), Miss J. Anderson, Miss Y. Yelle, and Miss J. Arcull (French Convent).

50 Yards back-stroke: Miss C. Guterres (St. Mary's School), Miss J. Anderson, and Miss Y. Yelle (French Convent).

50 Yards breast-stroke: Miss C. Monteiro (St. Mary's School), Miss Y. Yelle (French Convent).

Diving: Miss C. Guterres (St. Mary's School), Miss J. Anderson (French Convent).

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club J. F. MacGowan and N. J. Bebbington beat J. J. Basto and C. H. Basto by 16-13.

Thanks to a four at the third, Bebbington led by 6 shots before the Portuguese pair opened their scoring. At the 10th MacGowan and Bebbington led 9-4 and increased the lead to 13-8 at the 16th.

With a single followed by a five the Bastos took the lead for the first time at 14-13, but MacGowan and Bebbington then scored a single and a two and conceded a single at the last to win by one shot, after scoring at 12 ends.

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A Useful Run

At Hong Kong Football Club, R. Morrison and J. V. Ramsey of Kowloon Docks beat G. V. McGrath and V. H. Freeman of Prison Officers' Club by 20-17.

The Stanley pair started off well and were leading 10-3 at the 10th. The Dock pair then scored a four and a two to reduce the lead to 10-9 but at the 15th McGrath and Freeman were leading 15-9. Morrison and Ramsey then had a run of 21143 to lead 20-15 at the 20th.

The losers scored a two at the last and registered at 11 ends.
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WHY PITCHERS DON'T HIT IN BASEBALL

Buck Newsom, big hurler of the Detroit Tigers, likes his hits as well as the next one, but he thinks there is some justification for pitchers not hitting.

"There are several reasons why pitchers don't hit," Bobo explains. "One is that some of them take it for granted they don't have to hit because they're doing most of the work already."

"Of course, this is all wrong, but that's how pitchers are brought up."

"But the soundest reason I know is that whereas a pitcher gets to hit about three times a week, an outfielder is up there 50 times."

"Pitchers seldom take batting practice, but if I were a manager and one of my pitchers didn't try to run out a batted ball, he wouldn't be playing for me very long."

"I'm not a good-hitting pitcher, but you'll never see me stop in a few steps after hitting the ball. I run 'em out."

TRIAL CANCELLED

Owing to the absence of W. Lawrence, Noel Hammond and other swimmers, the trial which was to have been held at Victoria Recreation Club yesterday to select the team to represent Combined V.R.C. and Y.M.C.A. in the Charity Swimming Gala on Saturday next was cancelled.

Ching Wing section of Chinese Y.M.C.A. are meeting Chinese Bathing Club in a swimming contest at Bridges Street this evening, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

KHO RETAINS TITLE

Kho Sin-kie, Chinese tennis ace, retained the Malayan lawn tennis singles title on August 4 by beating the former Malayan champion Chin Kee-onn 6-0, 6-2 at Kuala Lumpur.

In the course of the singles tournament Kho gave away only eight games.

With Mrs. R. B. C. Carter as his partner, Kho also won the mixed doubles championship for the second consecutive year by beating G. W. Plunkett and Miss M. Stokes, 6-3, 6-4.

Kho and his partner Chin Kee-onn lost in the men's doubles semi-finals to an Australian pair, G. W. Plunkett and S. Y. D. Breakspear.

The Australian pair won the doubles title by beating two young Singapore players, Robert Chia and Lim Hee-chin.—Central News.

Miss M. Stokes formerly played for Kowloon Cricket Club in the Mixed Doubles Tennis League, partnering A. E. P. Guest. She left Hong Kong at the time of the evacuation.

RECREIO TENNIS WIN

At Chater Road, Club de Recreio beat Hong Kong Cricket Club by 6½ sets to 2½ in the First Division of the Tennis League yesterday.

M. Pagh and C. M. R. Oxlade (H.K.C.C.) drew with A. V. Remedios and W. A. Reed 6-8
lost to J. J. Remedios and J. B. Gonsalves 2-6
beat F. J. Remedios and R. M. Soares 6-3
T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (H.K.C.C.)
lost to Remedios and Reed 2-6
lost to Remedios and Gonsalves 4-6
drew with Remedios and Soares 6-4
L. Goldman and D. M. MacDougall (H.K.C.C.)
lost to Remedios and Reed 1-6
lost to Remedios and Gonsalves 4-6
drew with Remedios and Soares 6-4

Table To Date

	FIRST DIVISION	Sets
	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	
I.R.C.	2 2 0 0 11 7	4
Recreio	3 2 1 0 16 11	4
S.C.A.A.	1 1 0 0 6 3	2
K.C.C.	2 1 1 0 12 5	2
H.K.U.T.C.	1 0 1 0 3 6	0
H.K.C.C.	3 0 3 0 9 17	0
C.R.C.	0 0 0 0 0 0	0

POST OFFICE CLEAN SWEEP

At Caroline Hill yesterday, Post Office Recreation Club (1) beat Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by nine sets to nil in their postponed Fourth Division League tennis match.

J. Howlett and W. Morrison (P.O.R.C.)
beat F. Y. Singh and N. Singh 6-2
beat A. H. Mehal and K. Singh 6-4
beat Y. J. Khan and S. Ramchand 6-2
D. Leonard and D. Fitches (P.O.R.C.)
beat Singh and Singh 6-2
beat Mehal and Singh 6-1
beat Khan and Ramchand 6-2
S. S. Chin and S. K. Chin (P.O.R.C.)
beat Singh and Singh 6-2
beat Mehal and Singh 6-3
beat Khan and Ramchand 6-1

Table To Date

	FOURTH DIVISION	Sets
	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	
S.C.A.A.	8 8 0 0 60 111	19
C.C.C.	8 7 1 0 55 161	14
C.R.C.	7 6 1 0 45 18	12
F.C.	9 6 0 0 52 25	12
I.R.C.	7 3 3 1 25 38	7
A.T.C.	8 3 4 1 35 35	6
P.O.R.C. (1)	8 3 5 0 29 43	6
C.B.A.	6 2 4 0 22 28	4
J.R.C.	7 1 6 0 20 43	2
P.O.R.C. (2)	8 1 7 0 14 53	2
K.I.T.C.	8 0 8 0 7 64	0

MATCH DRAWN

The two-day cricket match at Lord's was left drawn, the Combined Kent and Surrey team scoring 65 for 3 in reply to Combined Middlesex and Essex side's 412 for 6 declared.—Reuter.

The First Division League tennis match between South China and Kowloon Cricket Club arranged to be played this afternoon has been postponed and will be played on Tuesday.

BOBBY JONES WILL PLAY IN BENEFIT GOLF

The desire to do his bit for the armed forces is going to bring back Robert Tyre Jones for another competitive golf fling.

The Professional Golf Association of America has announced that Bobby, famed for his 1930 sweep of the American and British open and amateur golf titles, would captain and play with a picked squad in a challenge match August 22-23 against the association's Ryder Cup team.

Proceeds of the event, for which a site remains to be selected, will go to the United States Service Organizations, which raise funds for the recreation of soldiers and sailors.

Eager To Help

"Leading tournament golfers of this country are eager to do their part in our present preparedness effort," said the P.G.A. announcement, "and nothing seems more important than the effort of the United States Service Organizations to give active expression to our military personnel of the determination of the civilian population to stand behind them."

Tom Walsh, President of the P. G. A., said the match resulted from recent conversations with Jones, who will select his own team. Conditions of play, he added, would be the same as in international competition—36-hole fourfoursomes on the first day and 36-hole single matches on the second.

The Ryder Cup squad, which continues to exist formally but is inactive because the war prevents its customary duel with the British pros, includes 10 players: Henry Picard, Byron Nelson, Paul Runyan, Sam Snead, Horton Smith, Dick Metz, Jimmy Hines, Ralph Guldahl, Harold McSpaden and Vic Ghezzi.

Jones' Selections

The team Jones will select is a matter of speculation. Almost a certainty, however, is Craig Wood, who won Jones' own Masters.

REIDY QUALIFIES

M. L. Reidy, with a score of 87-17-70, qualified for the Captain's Cup for August at Farling. There were five entries.

The Ecclectic competition of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Deep Water Bay for June and July in aid of the Bomber Fund resulted in a tie between Lt. Col J. D. Way and Paymaster Commander C. B. Hickman, with 29-6=23. There were 84 entries.

tournament and followed up with national open honors. The annual Masters' event is the only competitive golf Jones indulges in since he chose to retire.

Other candidates for the challenging team include such favorites as Jimmy Demaret, Lawson Little, Ben Hogan, and Gene Sarazen.

However, it makes little difference to Walter Hagen, honorary captain of the Ryder Cup team. In accepting Jones' challenge, Hagen said the Ryder Cup team was willing at all times to aid in the national preparedness programme and then confidently predicted that "Bobby's team will go down in defeat as did the team captained and picked by Sarazen a year ago." He referred to the 1940 Red Cross benefit match.

ROYAL CANADIAN HENLEY

Royal Canadian Henley Regatta opened in grand style on July 25 at St. Catharines, Ontario, with keen rivalry among the Americans and Canadians in junior events. The Toronto Argonauts beat the Puffin and New York West Sides in the Junior Fours, but the West Sides beat the Argonauts in the Heavy Fours, and also won other Fours events from the Hamilton Leanders.

Singles events produced a dead heat in one race between A. Gallagher, of Philadelphia, and H. Ruten, of Saint Catharines. Reuter.

R. E. WIN

Royal Engineers defeated European Press 4-2 in a snooker and billiards tournament last night.

Snooker:—S. Sgt. Rogers beat J. R. Luke 64-57; Q.M.S. Brannon beat M. R. Abbas 50-49; Sgt. Blackman lost to G. W. Giffen 27-49.

Billiards:—S. Sgt. Megson beat R. Goldman 100-52; Sgt. Shipp lost to A. T. Lee 99-100; S. M. Wellwood beat J. R. Luke 100-65.

WORLD RECORD 5,000 METRES WALK

Selmecezy, Hungarian heel-and-toe specialist, set a new world's record for walking during a Budapest meet on July 27, covering 5,000 metres in 20 minutes 46 and 3-10 seconds.

The former record was held by the American, William Plant, with a time of 21 minutes 50.6 seconds, and was established in 1926.

LULL IN "Y" WATER-POLO TOURNAMENT

IN ORDER THAT THE ARMY LARGE AND SMALL UNITS WATER-POLO TOURNAMENTS (KNOCK-OUT) MAY BE CONCLUDED WITHOUT ANY DELAY, THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF THE Y.M.C.A. INVITATION WATER-POLO TOURNAMENT DECIDED AT A MEETING LAST WEEK TO "SLOW DOWN" ON THEIR PROGRAMME UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE ARMY MATCHES.

Up-to-date 115 matches have been played out of a total of 182 games, and though it was originally intended to bring this tournament to a conclusion by the end of August, it may be necessary, as a result of this "temporary stoppage" to extend the season to the first or second week of September.

The quarter-final games in the Army tournaments will be decided some time during the week, and it is understood the semi-finals will be played on Wednesday, August 13.

Latest positions of the teams in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Tournament are:

Table To Date

Signals	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Middlesex "A"	18	16	1	1	97	16	33
Middlesex "B"	18	15	1	2	95	19	32
Y.M.C.A.	17	14	3	0	85	22	28
R. Navy "A"	18	12	5	1	63	38	25
R. Navy "C"	18	10	6	2	49	41	22
R. Navy "B"	18	10	5	1	55	36	21
C. Small Units	18	9	8	1	54	62	19
8th Regt. R.A.	16	5	8	2	38	63	12
5th A. Regt. R.A.	16	5	9	2	43	60	12
Middlesex "B"	17	5	11	1	35	63	11
95th Bty. R.A.	17	2	13	2	29	88	6
R. Navy "B"	10	2	7	1	11	40	5
36th Bty. R.A.	16	1	13	1	17	73	3
R. Scots "B"	17	0	16	1	18	80	1

WARMERDAM ALMOST TOPS SIXTEEN FEET

CORNELIUS WARMERDAM DUSTED OFF THE MOON THE OTHER NIGHT, WRITES AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT.

It was at the Compton invitational meet, when he officially soared 15 feet 5 3/4 inches into the ozone, and unofficially went 3 1/4 inches higher a little later.

While he was doing all this, a lone figure stood off to one side and watched it with a look of bewilderment. He was Earle Meadows, who a few short years ago startled the sports world by leaping 14 feet 11 inches for Southern California. In the Compton meet Meadows, competing for the Olympic Club, was only able to reach 13 1/2 feet.

Another sensational event of the meet was the performance of Leslie MacMitchell of New York University who ran his opposition into the ground in the 1,500-metre event to set a new meet record of 3:51.4.

This was the first local appearance for the lad from the sidewalks of New York who is hailed as the nearest thing to the four-minute miler since Glenn Cunningham was in his heyday. MacMitchell recently made the route in 4:07.4 at Madison Square Garden, and as he is only a junior, he should be able to improve that time.

WORLD TROTTER RECORD

Nimble Hanover, great five-year-old trotter, covered the mile in 1 min. 58 3/4 secs., and the second mile in 1 min. 59 secs., creating a new world trotting record, when winning the Grand Circuit's Goldsmith Maid Trotting Stake, worth nearly £1,000 at Old Orchard Beach, Maine, on July 25.—Reuter.

If you've wondered about baseball stars in the United States army, here's the answer concerning Hugh Mulcahy, who starred for the Phillies. Mulcahy, first big league drafted, will pitch for the Camp Edwards club. Patrick Creeden, state director of the W.P.A. baseball school, will supervise a Massachusetts league of army camps and naval bases. Mulcahy's club is the early season favourite.

ROYALS' SOFTBALL WIN OVER "Y."

A very enjoyable softball match was played on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park, yesterday between a team representing the "Y" and a Royal Scots (Kai Tak) team, the latter winning by 20-14. Both teams were making their first appearance in match-play so that it will be readily understood that what was lacking in science was more than made up for by the enthusiasm on the part of both teams.

Royal Scots had a "dress rehearsal" earlier in the afternoon when they figured in a pick-up game at Kai Tak, and with the confidence thus gained, they started in great style against the "Y", chalking up no less than 8 runs in the first innings.

The "Y" had a poor start, only managing one run in three innings but after being led 12-1 at the third, they staged an uprising in the 4th when eight of their players crossed the plate.

Welford, who has had previous experience in softball, was outstanding for the "Y" in the short-stop station, while Manson played a good game for the winners at centre-field.

The teams were:

Y.M.C.A.	ROYAL SCOTS
Binnings	p Hanson
Killeen	c Clark
Hubert	1b Woods
Davis	2b McCrory
Welford	ss McKay
Kelly	3b Marshall
Grant	lf Sutherland
Hamage	cf Manson
Cane	rf Watters

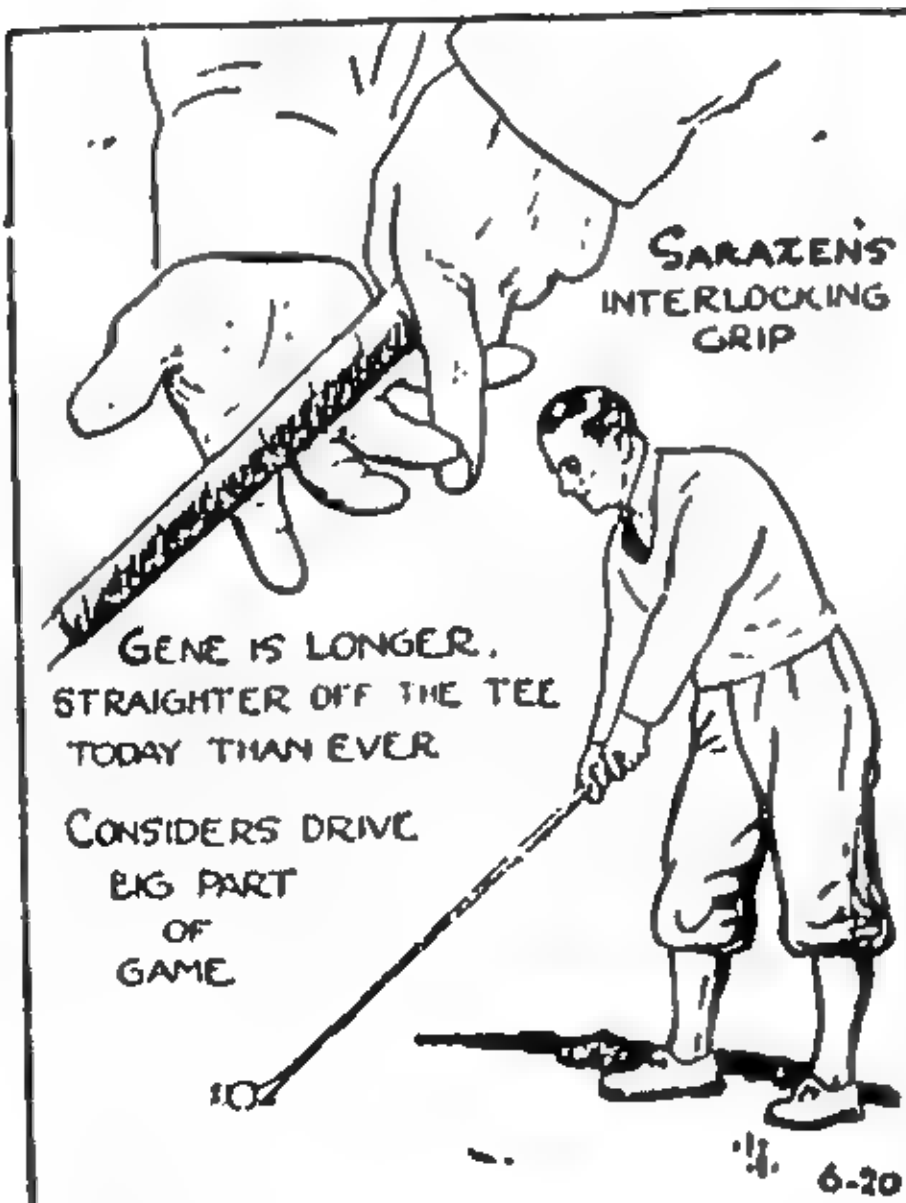
Scores:—
Royal Scots 6 0 6 0 1 0 1 6 0 = 20
Y.M.C.A. 0 1 0 6 0 2 0 3 0 = 14

A bowls team from Lane Crawfords met Hong Kong Electric at Ming Yuen last night in a floodlit game and won 68-57.

Easier Golf

LONG DRIVING By Best Ball

Gene Sarazen adopted the interlocking grip as a caddy at Apawamis years ago and, despite the fact that he is not entirely satisfied with it, the record books attest the grip has served its purpose well indeed. In this grip the index finger of the left hand interlocks with the little finger of



the right creating union of movement in both. Sarazen's complaint is that in various championship matches his hands have turned at important moments sending the ball astray.

Now driving better than ever, Sarazen admits this factor has improved his game during the past two years. In fact he frankly admits that long, straight tee shots are one of the most important adjuncts to a golfer's game. Not only do they inspire confidence in one's play but they place one in a strategic position on succeeding shots. With few exceptions the player who is near enough the green to use an iron with a fair amount of loft has an advantage over one who has to resort to a spoon or heavy iron to reach the same objective.

Next Article:—Changed Putting, Stance.



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HELP GIVEN BY THE UNITED STATES IN BLOCKADING THE AXIS POWERS WAS EMPHASISED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal, Wolverhampton) asked for an assurance that the Economic Sanctions put into operation in the Far East would so function that oil and other war supplies would, in practice, as well as in theory, cease to be available to Japan in respect of the territories of Britain, the United States and the Netherlands.

Mr. Richard Law, new Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that consultations with the other Government concerned regarding the application of the far-reaching financial measures of control which have been introduced were still in progress.

There was no doubt that the operation of these measures was already practical and not theoretical and their effect on supplies for Japan would be serious.

When Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour, Derby) asked him to impress on the U.S. Government that the best way to prevent war in the Far East was to stop all oil supplies now, Mr. Law said the U.S. Government was fully aware of the situation. — Reuter.

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Axis Shows Concern

The Axis press shows marked concern over the alleged Anglo-Russian collaboration regarding Iran and Afghanistan.

Considerable discrepancies appear in figures reported in the German press of Germans resident in Iran.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" for instance says they number only 690 whereas the "Voelkischer Beobachter" admits 2,500.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" another symptom of Anglo-Russian collaboration was the fact that pamphlets were dropped by the R.A.F. over Berlin last Saturday night saying: "The Russians are still capable of long resistance and will later launch effective counter-offensives." — Reuter.

DE GAULLE PARACHUTE CORPS

A Free French Parachute Corps, it can now be revealed, has been formed of officers and men of General de Gaulle's troops in Great Britain.

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CHINA SILK OUTPUT

FOLLOWING THE UNITED STATES ACTION IN FREEZING JAPANESE ASSETS, INCLUDING SILK STOCKS, CHINESE SILK EXPERTS ARE URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE SILK PRODUCTION IN CHINA.

They aim at a yearly export to the U.S. of 800,000 piculs of silk valued at U.S.\$200,000,000.

The amount exported to the U.S. annually at present is less than 180 piculs. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

SUPPLEMENTARY VOTES
TOTTALLING \$6,385,698 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1940-41 WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO FINANCE COMMITTEE, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, TO-MORROW.

The majority of the items are concerned with defence measures, including over \$3,600,000 for reserve stocks of food. Civil defence measures cost some \$450,000 above the original estimates of \$4,000,000.

A Moscow communique states that 35 prisoners taken in the direction of Byelaya-Serkov said they had subsisted on cats, dogs and fieldmice and had been tortured by thirst because the peasants had destroyed everything, including wells.

Soviet planes gave them no rest day or night so they were unable to dig wells. — British Wireless.

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FANTASTIC CHURCHILL RUMOUR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Speculation on a possible meeting between Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt was aroused by the announcement that the British Premier is not to take part in the forthcoming war debate in the Commons.

THE "DAILY MAIL" CREDITS AMERICAN OFFICIAL SOURCES WITH SAYING THAT THE DUKE OF KENT AND ANOTHER "HIGH BRITISH PERSONAGE" MIGHT FLY TO SEE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT "SOMEWHERE IN THE ATLANTIC."

Close Anglo-American collaboration would be discussed, the paper said, asserting the "high personage" would be either Mr. Churchill or Lord Beaverbrook.

Rumours are rife in London that Mr. Churchill is actually flying to see the President and is accompanied by Mr. Harry Hopkins.

In Washington a British Embassy spokesman said the rumours were "too fantastic to talk about."

—International News Service.

AMERICA'S PLEDGE TO RUSSIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

U.S. MARITIME AND OTHER DEFENCE AUTHORITIES ARE DEVISING METHODS TO OBTAIN SHIPS TO TRANSFER MATERIALS TO RUSSIA AFTER THE PLEDGE THAT THE U.S. WILL GIVE RUSSIA "ALL THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PRACTICABLE."

Mr. Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, told M. Oumansky, Soviet Ambassador, that the U.S. would issue unlimited export licences.

M. Oumansky replied expressing Moscow's gratitude for this "friendly decision."

—International News Service.

COST OF H.C.I. ALLOWANCE

It is revealed by a vote to be submitted to Finance Committee to-morrow that the cost to Government of a high cost of living allowance of \$2 per month to Government servants earning less than \$35 a month was \$108,000 between September, 1940, and March, 1941.

\$68,769 TO PAY FOR INQUIRY

A vote of \$68,769 to cover the expenditure in connection with the Harbour Inquiry conducted by the late Sir David Owen is to be requested of Finance Committee in Council to-morrow.

RUSSIAN EMBASSIES SEARCHED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Russian Embassies in Paris and Berlin have been searched "as reprisal for the Russian search of the German Embassy in Moscow," it was announced in Berlin yesterday. — International News Service.

LAND INVESTMENT DIVIDEND

The Hong Kong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd., declared an Interim Dividend of One dollar per Share for six months ended 30th June, 1941.

RUSSO-JAPANESE INTERVIEW IN TOKYO

AN HOUR-LONG INTERVIEW LAST EVENING BETWEEN THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO, M. SMETANIN, AND THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, ADMIRAL TOYODA, IS THOUGHT POSSIBLY TO BE CONNECTED WITH JAPAN'S ATTITUDE REGARDING THE SOVIET-GERMAN WAR WHICH HITHERTO HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED.

Admiral Toyoda received the Axis envoys soon after seeing M. Smetanin, to offer a re-assurance that Japan is adhering strictly to the Tripartite Pact, but the Soviets were not advised about the Japanese attitude towards the Neutrality Treaty.

So far as is known this was the first meeting between Admiral Toyoda and M. Smetanin.

In view of the official spokesman's repeated assertions that Japanese-Soviet commercial relations are being continued, it is assumed that M. Smetanin was assured that Japan is not deviating from her policy of neutrality.

The visit was possibly also connected with the necessity for revision of the projected commercial agreement.

Tightening Belt Still Further

Meanwhile Japan is tightening her belt at home and in East

Situation In Kiev Sector Critical

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE PULVERISATION OF THE GERMAN SALIENT FORMED MIDWAY BETWEEN SMOLENSK AND LENINGRAD WAS ANNOUNCED IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY, TOGETHER WITH THE REPULSE OF A NEW GERMAN NIGHT RAID ON THE SOVIET CAPITAL.

The raiders were dispersed, only a few incendiary bombs being dropped on the city.

Berlin claims the capture of Kholm, midway between Smolensk and Leningrad, and Byelaya-Tserkov.

The Nazis say the capture of Kholm climaxes a 70-miles advance from Novorzhev which "drove a wedge between the Russian armies defending Leningrad and those in the salient east of Smolensk."

The Germans also claim to be threatening the Moscow-Kiev

railway.

The Russians are adopting the German tactics of thrusting wedges into the German lines.

The Red Air Force, meanwhile, is dealing crippling blows on the German land forces as the giant battles of Smolensk and the Ukraine increase in intensity.

Panzers Suffer

Cooperating with the land forces, Russian warplanes smashed German mechanised and motorised units and destroyed 20 enemy planes.

Very fierce fighting continues in the Porkhov, Smolensk, Byelaya-Tserkov directions.

WHILE ESTONIA IS STILL HELD BY THE RED ARMY, MOSCOW CONCEDES THAT THE SITUATION AT KIEV IS CRITICAL, WITH THE GERMAN HURLING IN THOUSANDS OF REINFORCEMENTS IN A FRONTAL ATTACK.

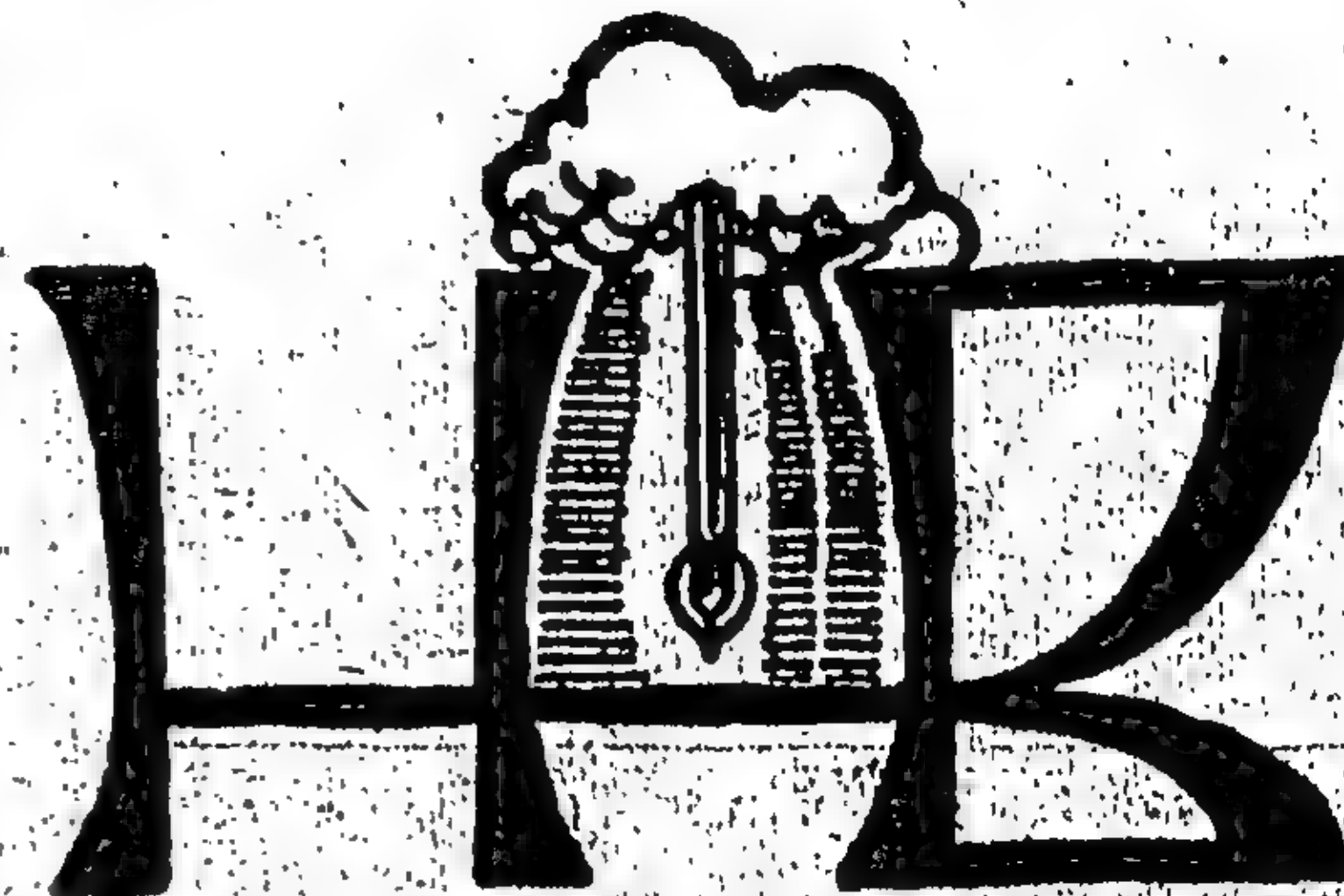
The Germans claim the annihilation of a Red Army brigade (Continued on Page 16)

AMERICAN CRUISERS IN BRISBANE

The United States Navy Department has announced that the two heavy cruisers "Northampton" and "Salt Lake City" have arrived at Brisbane, Australia, on what is described as a training cruise.

THE COMMANDER OF THE TWO DESTROYERS IS REAR-ADMIRAL S. A. TAFFINDER. THEY PUT INTO BRISBANE "FOR REFUELLING AND SEVERAL DAYS' RECREATION FOR THE CREW." — REUTER.

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China In Stronger Position In The Military Field

DANGER OF INFLATION

THE CHINESE FEEL THEY HAVE GAINED AND NOT LOST BY THE GERMAN ATTACK ON RUSSIA, SAYS "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT IN CHINA DISCUSSING THE SITUATION IN CHINA TO-DAY.

The Chinese, he says, are certain of their own ability, with the material help of other members of the A.B.C. front, to prolong the "China Incident" by another four years or longer.

Meanwhile they expect that it is Japan whose position is becoming more hazardous, beset by economic difficulties, uncertain of her friends and tempted by moves which might easily bring her into open conflict with Russia, Britain, the Indies and possibly the United States, when she already has over a million troops tied up in China.

What can Japan hope for? ask the Chinese.

Not to wind up the China Incident, now in its fifth year, not to win any enduring favour from Germany, likely to betray her as she betrayed Russia, not for the oil of the Indies, where the Dutch are ready to blow up the wells at a moment's notice.

Little Wonder

Little wonder that the Chinese feel if they can weather the economic crisis they can look forward to a future based on the assurance of an Allied victory, prerequisite for a real "new order" under which they can rebuild China for their own people and not for an alien taskmaster.

The correspondent emphasises that the chief field in which China requires help to-day is economic. He recalls General Chiang Kai-shek's repeated statements that the war of resistance is 30 per cent. military and 70 per cent. economic. Most foreign observers, says the correspondent, are agreed that Japanese efforts to intensify the blockade of China will not alone bring about the economic collapse of China.

Danger Internal

The danger, he adds, is internal; if many of the problems are the inevitable result of four years of war the crucial test will be the manner in which they are tackled.

Although pretty sure of their ability to weather the economic crisis, the Chinese authorities admit that the control of food prices in the interior, despite the execution of food hoarders in Szechuen, is tending to get out of hand.

The new Food Ministry, when it gets into its stride, may be able to curb some or all the evils in the present situation.

Inflation Issue

Foreign experts are agreed that China's economic problems, of which inflation is the most serious, have not yet reached the fatal point, as they did in Germany when she collapsed after the last war, but they feel that forthright methods must be adopted if ultimate disaster is to be averted and that this can be done if the Chinese show the same energy and courage as has brought them through so many other dangers.

The Chinese, if worried by the economic outlook, view their political future with greater confidence, says the correspondent.

The return of Mr. Quo Tai-chi as Foreign Minister is an event of the first importance, not only for China but for the other A.B.C. powers as well.

The vigour of Mr. Quo Tai-chi's policy from the moment of taking office set him in the forefront of Chinese leaders.

Cleared Ground

The severance of relations with the Axis powers cleared the ground in Chungking.

With Britain and the United States both represented by able ambassadors, it will not be Mr. Quo Tai-chi's fault if relations with the A.B.C. powers fail to acquire still deeper significance.

What the A.B.C. powers gained in China by the German attack on Russia, the Axis powers lost, adds the correspondent.

The cutting off of war supplies from the Far East, estimated at 30,000 tons a month, over the trans-Siberian railway alone, is itself a heavy blow.

Abrupt End

Hardly less serious is the abrupt end to Germany's growing trade by the same route in valuable exports by which she was trying to keep alive many of her connections in this part of the world, as well as South America.

It will be long before the German trader in China can hope to recover the almost privileged position and prospects he enjoyed in the potentially enormous Chinese market. —Reuter.

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NO BOMBS ON BRITAIN IN DAYLIGHT

A very small number of enemy aircraft made brief appearances over coastal areas of Britain yesterday, says an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communiqué.

Up to 8 p.m. no reports of bombing had been received. — Reuter.

NAZI CLAIMS

German radio stations last night claimed that the towns of Kholm and Byelaya-Tserkov were in German hands. — Reuter.

TREASURY CALLS IN SECURITIES

The British Treasury announced yesterday that an Order has been made specifying American securities which the owners are required to place at the disposal of the Treasury for use as part of the collateral securities for the loan of £106,000,000 from the U.S.

The owners are required to deliver documents of title. This should be done through a bank or stockbroker. Receipts will be issued for the securities.

It is emphasised these should be carefully preserved as it will be necessary in connection with any change of title to procure their eventual return to the holders.

Meanwhile the sterling equivalent of the dividends will be paid in accordance with instructions given to the Bank of England on the lodgment form. — Reuter.

CHOLERA WORSENS ON ISLAND

Fifty-five cases of cholera were notified during the week-end, in the four days ended at midnight Monday.

The majority were from the Victoria district, which provided a total of 29 cases. There were 9 Kowloon cases in the four days, two from Shauiwan, nine from rural Hong Kong, and five from the New Territories.

In the 24 hours ended at midnight, a further 13 cases of cholera were notified, five of them from Victoria and three from Kowloon.

During the week ended August 2, there were 90 cholera notifications, and 60 deaths from the disease.

There were also 50 dysentery cases with 23 deaths and 18 typhoid cases with six deaths.

Beating Goebbels To It

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] Italian propagandists are trying to out-goebbels Goebbels in Russian war "victories."

Yesterday Rome radio claimed the Red Army has lost 9,000 tanks and 9,000 planes in six weeks of fighting.

The announcer said "Immense numbers" of Russian troops were hurried into action to "bring stabilisation to the front and prevent German infantry contacting the armoured spearheads."

Gayda yesterday wrote that "in order to save men and materials the Germans are not attacking surrounded Russian groups. They wait till the Russians exhaust themselves in attempts to break through." — International News Service.

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GERMAN 'PLANE SHOT DOWN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] One German plane was shot down in flames and the others driven off by the A.A. defences in an unsuccessful Luftwaffe attempt to raid Moscow. Incendiaries were dropped but there was no damage to military objectives. — International News Service.

ITALIAN BUDGET

The Milan correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" says the Italian budget for the year beginning July 1 provides a milliard lire for the relief of needy families of men mobilised in Italy. — Reuter.

NORWAY AND SOVIET RESUME RELATIONS

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS between the Norwegian Government and the Government of the U.S.S.R. are to be resumed.

Yesterday the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Dr. Trygve Lie, and the Ambassador of the U.S.S.R. in London, M. Ivan Maisky, exchanged letters in which both sides expressed the desire for an exchange of Ministers.

In connection with this announcement Dr. Trygve Lie has made the following statement through the Information Office of the Norwegian Government:—

"I am glad to use this opportunity in order to express pleasure at the resumption of our formal diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union."

"Norway has lived on terms of good neighbourly relationship with Russia for many years and during the period between the two World Wars there was never any conflict between the Governments of the two countries."

"Both parties naturally have the greatest interest in seeing that this good and friendly relationship is strengthened and developed."

Common Enemy

"We are particularly happy that it is possible for this to take place precisely at a time when the Russian Army and the Russian people are fighting an heroic battle against the German aggressors. It is a fight which arouses the admiration of the world."

"Hitler Germany is our common enemy and the attack on the Soviet Union is first and foremost an integral part of Germany's fight for world domina-

tion. The victory of Germany would mean oppression and slavery for Norway and for the whole world." — Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S WAR EFFORT

MR. P. C. SPENDER, Australian Minister of War, has given figures revealing the extent of the Australian war effort.

He said that upwards of 50 naval vessels, including minesweepers, patrol vessels, and Tribal class destroyers would be built.

The naval personnel had been increased by 350 per cent since the war began, and enlistments were continuing at the rate of 5,000 a year.

The Royal Australian Air Force strength now equalled three army divisions, while the Australians' share of the cost of the Empire Air Scheme was likely to be £80,000,000 by March next.

Originally, Australia undertook to provide 10,000 air crew personnel by next March and 10,000 thereafter, but these

figures were increasing beyond recognition.

A.I.F. Casualties

Mr. Spender added that if the war extended beyond 1942, the annual army expenditure would more than total the army expenditure for the whole of the last war, namely £192,600,000.

He also revealed that the total A.I.F. casualties so far were 1,194 killed and 11,946 wounded, or missing. — Reuter.

VICHY STICKS TO APOLOGIA

Why Indo-China Could Not Be Defended

Reply To Mr. Sumner Welles

MARSHAL PETAIN'S government yesterday replied to the attack by Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant United States Secretary of State, and says that "Mr. Welles expressed some doubt about the energy with which France would react in the event of an attack on her empire at some point."

"Surely the heroic resistance of our troops in Syria to British aggression can be considered an adequate answer."

QUEEN TO BROADCAST ON SUNDAY

The Queen will broadcast a message to the women of America at 7 p.m. (G.M.T.) on Sunday.

The message will be broadcast in the U.S. by the Columbia, National and Mutual networks. It will be heard in the overseas programmes of the B.B.C. as well as in the home programmes.—Reuter.

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TRAMS AGAIN RUNNING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The transportation tie-up in the French Concession in Shanghai, third in recent months, was eased yesterday afternoon when the trams resumed.

Buses are expected to resume later. Meanwhile, 2,000 Chinese employed by foreign-owned photo studios are still on strike. They are demanding pay increases between 50 and 100 per cent.—International News Service.

To Mr. Welles' announcement that America's attitude towards Vichy would be "governed by the manner France defends her empire," Vichy adds that "the problems of Syria and Indo-China were in no sense comparable — Syria was the object of aggression, Indo-China was not."

Moreover, though it is true that the French Empire is one, nevertheless Indo-China's geographical and political position was peculiar by reason of its distance from metropolitan France, and the situation of Japan in Asia.

Could Not Wait

Indo-China, therefore, could not afford to await events which might modify the equilibrium in the Far East.

The disproportion between the Japanese forces and the meagre effectives at France's disposal in Indo-China fully explains the position that confronted her and the inevitable consequences.

The result in no way detracts from French rights, and it is a fact that Japan formally recognises French sovereignty over the whole of French Indo-China.

Further, it should be emphasised that in the negotiations leading to the Darlan-Kato agreement, Japan urged that Indo-China was threatened by the Powers opposed to the Japanese Empire.—Reuter.

SYRIAN HITCH

SEVENTY-FIVE BRITISH AND INDIAN OFFICERS CAPTURED DURING THE SYRIAN CAMPAIGN AND FLOWN BY VICHY PILOTS TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. IT WAS REVEALED IN DAMASCUS YESTERDAY.

All others captured in Syria, including British and Indian troops, were handed back in accordance with the terms of the Armistice.—Reuter.

VICHY BLUFFING?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") LONDON NEWSPAPERS TERM VICHY AND SWISS REPORTS THAT GERMAN DEMANDS FOR NORTH AFRICAN MILITARY BASES HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN AS "SHEER BLUFF."

It is claimed that official evidence has been received that Vichy is giving in to the German demands, and "it is known" that more Germans are arriving at Dakar and Casablanca.—International News Service.

CONSCRIPTION OF ALLIED NATIONALS

The Lord Privy Seal stated in the Commons it was hoped to submit to the House on reassembly after the recess proposals for legislation extending military conscription to Allied nationals whose Governments were established in Britain.—British Wireless.



In Africa's theatre of war—Australians watch the destruction of captured ammunition.

EXTENSIVE R.A.F. RAIDS IN MIDDLE EAST

A NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL operations by R.A.F. heavy bombers in Cyrenaica during the night of August 3/4 are recorded in yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

One formation attacked the port of Derina causing considerable damage and starting a number of fires. Two buildings at the base of a mole were destroyed.

Bombs were also dropped on the landing ground and on a battery which was silenced. Other aircraft attacked landing grounds and the dispersal area at Gazala and caused a series of explosions and several fires.

Huts and a camp in the vicinity were machine-gunned from a few hundred feet and about 25 tents caught fire.

An attack was made on enemy shipping off the coast near Apollonia and hits were made on one ship and possibly on another.

Enemy merchant ships were again attacked in the same area on Monday and two of them believed hit.

Tripoli Bombed

R.A.F. bombers made a successful attack in the harbour of Tripoli on August 5.

One merchant ship of about 800 tons was hit by a heavy bomb and a violent explosion which followed threw up a great quantity of wreckage into the air.

Two direct hits were obtained on military buildings which were also machine-gunned.

A reconnaissance of Reggio shows that in the attack reported in Monday's communique 10 Macchi, 200's and a Breda 20 were destroyed, while about 20 more Macchi were damaged, several very badly.

From the above operations all the British aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

INDIA'S NEW COUNCIL

Members-designate of the Governor-General of India's Executive Council were entertained by the Government at Claridge's Hotel, London, yesterday.

Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, presided.

Members of the United States civil defence mission were guests of the Government at a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, presiding.

Mr. John G. Winant, U.S. Ambassador, was among those present.—Reuter.

ITALIANS LOSE A SUBMARINE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Rome yesterday admitted the loss of an Italian submarine operating in the Atlantic.—International News Service.

CONGRESS WARNED

PRICE LEVELS SOARING

Mr. Leon Henderson, U.S. Price Administrator, yesterday informed Congress that the U.S. is faced with "a very strong and most pronounced increase in the cost of living" even if the Administration's recently introduced Price Control Bill became law immediately.

Testifying before the House Banking Committee as first witness on the new Bill, Mr. Henderson declared that even with the powers conferred by the Bill the Government would have "an enormous load" in trying to prevent the nation's "dynamic and volatile economy" entering the inflationary stage.

Mr. Henderson said the U.S. price structure was near the 1929 levels, and was heading towards the 1919 peaks.

"The country dare not take the chance of inflation. The result might be disastrous."—Reuter.

THE RICE MONOPOLY

In the Council to-morrow, the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone Paterson will ask the following question:—

Will the Government make a statement as to the general policy adopted by the Rice Monopoly which was instituted in accordance with Government Notification No. 617 of 19th May, 1941?

The Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, will ask:—

With regard to the new Grant and Subsidy Codes for schools which have been recently approved by the Secretary of State, will Government take steps to make the necessary financial provision to bring them into effect from 1st September, 1941?

The Hon. Mr. Lo Man-kam, C.B.E., is to move the following resolution in Legislative Council to-morrow:—

That, in the opinion of this Council, in view of the great importance of the Hawker question in relation to the hawkers themselves as well as to the general public, Government should appoint a Committee to investigate, consider and report on this question generally with special reference to the following points:—

1. To what extent is the system of hawkers necessary in the interests of the poorer sections of the community?
2. Under what safeguards can hawkers of food be permitted to continue to trade without prejudice to public health?
3. If considerations of public health demand the abolition of food hawking, either in whole or in part, how such abolition can best be carried out without inflicting undue hardship on existing hawkers?
4. As regards hawkers rendered unemployed as the result of such abolition of food hawking, what provision should be made for absorbing them in other trades or industries, or what provisions should be made for their relief?
5. Having regard to the existing personnel and duties of the Police Force, how can such abolition of food hawking be carried out effectively?
6. What further legislative measures are necessary to carry out the recommendations of the Committee?

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MOSCOW AIR RAID DEFENCE HIGHLY DISCIPLINED

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent
In Moscow)

MOSCOW HAS NOT yet experienced anything like London's gigantic fire raids, but it would already appear that the fire-fighting organisation is more disciplined and more complete than London's.

I talked to-day (Tuesday) with several women who received medals and other distinctions for gallant fire-fighting and the organisation thereof, and also with the assistant chief of Moscow's fire-fighting body, M. Pavlov, who is the recipient of the Order of the Red Banner.

Fighter Pilot's Requiem

The following verses were written by an R.A.F. officer at an operational station of Fighter Command in memory of a colleague killed in the Defence of Britain.

Here, in this quiet field beside
the stream,
Pale and remote from war, your
body lies,
The awful strife is now a fading
dream,
The anguish swift-gone as the
wind's shrill cries.

No nightlong vigil proved your
chivalry,
No haughty crest your helmet
did adorn.
On steel-wing'd charger with-
out livery,
You strode the sky and put the
wind to scorn.

Never again the earth in small
to spy,
Between the edges of a sun-
ring'd cloud
No more against the carrion
bird to fly,
With falcon stoop and cannon
crying loud.

Never again to see your father's
farm,
The treasur'd acres, the squat
house, the womb
Of an old race; never on Exmoor
warm
In sunlight hear hound music
'cross thecombe.

Never to be old, never to lift
your eye,
Nostalgic, seeking in the skies
you knew
With ageing mind to catch the
memory
Of days when England owed so
much to you.

You were a son of Alfred and
his men,
Who stayed the pagan onslaught
at Wedmore.
Crusaders stred you; Drake's
blood nerved you when
You turn'd a new Armada from
our shore.

England rejoice! Rejoice to
know your land
Breeds men who crumt below
your liberty
The tawdry goldlust and the
craven band
Who'd freedom pawn for slaves'
security.

Seamen, they say, rest happy on
the bed
Of ocean, on whose breast they
had their toll.
You, who the sky commanded,
we instead
Commit with pride to the proud
English soil.

M. Pavlov particularly dwelt upon the controversy as to whether incendiary bombs could be easily extinguished with water, contending that Moscow's experience had shown that if a bomb was tackled with water immediately after its fall, the danger of injury was negligible.

All the women dwelt on the enthusiasm with which the youth of Moscow participated in the fire-fighting and on the sense of social duty shown by the population of Moscow.

One pretty young working-class woman told how they learned from London's example that it was necessary to organise defence and how even before the war they had constituted fire-fighting teams for each committee.

The members were aged from 16 to 65.

Youthful Enthusiasm

Old people did marvelously and the enthusiasm of the youngsters could not be realised by those who had not seen it.

She told of one named Fomushkin, who, while extinguishing incendiary bombs, was flung some distance, clinging to a water-pipe by the blast of a high-explosive bomb which fell in the same street. He picked himself up and continued to put out incendiaries and also dived into the wreckage of a house to rescue an old man.

She added that it was a job trying to get people to go to shelter.

A young woman factory hand from the old part of Moscow which largely consists of small wooden houses, said that each house had its team of fire-fighters.

Emergency Water

Particular attention has been paid to emergency water supplies and numerous reservoirs have been dug by voluntary labour sufficient to provide for two hours a continuous stream of water.

Every team is provided with fire equipment including pumps, asbestos-lined gloves and caps, while tin hats are becoming more general. The watching of premises goes on through 24 hours with two-hour shifts, but as soon as a warning goes, everybody goes to the roof and each member of each team is responsible for a given section of the premises.

Fire-fighters from neighbouring houses are responsible for unattended premises like an evacuated school-building. One elderly housewife, whose husband is at the front, organised

GRANT TO MALTA RELIEF FUND

The Government has decided to make a grant of £1,000 to the Malta Relief Fund for the assistance of victims of air raids, as a gift from the Colony.

Approval has already been informally given by the Finance Committee, and the formal vote will be sought to-morrow.

Teutonic Club Raided

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A half ton of documents was seized in a police raid on the Teutonic Club headquarters in Buenos Aires.

It was the fifth raid in three days and was led by the Argentine "Dies Committee" which is investigating Nazi activities.

Meanwhile Bolivia has charged that the La Paz revolutionary plot was "undoubtedly organised" in Rio de Janeiro. — International News Service.

BROUGHT LETTERS INTO COLONY

Charged with a breach of the Defence Regulations by bringing two letters into the Colony other than by post from Shanghai on board a British vessel yesterday, Shen Yui-tseng, 27, was fined \$10 or 14 days by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

On the ship's arrival yesterday, a police party went on board and searched passengers. Two letters dealing with private affairs were found in accused's possession.

CHINESE SOLDIER FOUND HANGING

A Chinese soldier, Leung Ting-cheong, was found dead in the kitchen at Argyle Street Internment Camp at 6.30 a.m. this morning. The soldier ended his life by hanging.

the fire-fighting over a considerable area and since the start of the blitz they have extinguished 66 incendiary bombs without a single outbreak of fire.

On one occasion, it is stated, sixty incendiary bombs dropped simultaneously on one roof and were put out immediately by ten fire-fighters. — Reuter.

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Large Bill For H.K. Civil Defence Measures

SUPPLEMENTARY VOTES totalling \$6,385,698 for the financial year 1940-41 will be submitted for approval to Finance Committee, Legislative Council, to-morrow.

The majority of the items are concerned with defence measures, including over \$3,600,000 for reserve stocks of food. Civil defence measures cost some \$450,000 above the original estimates of \$4,000,000.

Some \$242,905 covers the pay of air raid wardens, steel helmets for wardens, rescue and demolition equipment, and stirrup pumps for wardens' posts.

\$200,354 was expended by the P.W.D. on A.R.P. for Government and public buildings, i.e. blacking measures, sandbag and concrete block protection, the erection of sand-dumps, etc.

Some \$24,000 was expended during 1940-41 on fire-fighting equipment for the Corps of Fire Watchers.

Censorship Cost

Censorship costs totalled \$555,033.69, including \$414,163 for salaries, \$44,900 for rents, and \$43,000 for P.W.D. alterations to premises. A supplementary vote of \$121,000 is required.

The Shipping Control Board cost \$18,371, including \$17,396 for salaries.

Food Control

In items under the heading of special war expenditure (food control) it is stated that at the

time of the international tension in July, 1940, Government decided to increase the reserves of meat held in the Colony by the importation of livestock at Government expense. These animals were of course in excess of normal market requirements; they were kept and fed at the Government slaughter houses and disposed of at intervals for the best prices obtainable. The first batch of animals arrived at the beginning of August and importations were continued until the end of September when it was decided that the improvement in the political situation no longer justified the financial loss involved.

The cost of importing and feeding some 2,100 pigs and 78 cattle was \$112,729.80 of which \$101,771.61 was recovered by sales. There was thus a net loss of \$10,958.19 and since no provision was made in the 1940-41 Estimates to cover this unforeseen expenditure a supplementary vote of \$10,959 is requested.

Reserve Stocks

In addition to the running expenses of the Food Control Department the expenditure incurred in building up reserve stocks of beans, peanut oil and powdered milk has been charged to this sub-head. On 31st March, 1941, the end of the financial year, reserve stocks with a book value of \$2,854,719.75 were in storage, while the total amount which had been charged to this sub-head was \$3,034,167.47. Losses on sales amounted to \$35,589.09, storage charges to \$112,358.13, salaries to \$17,044.67, and rents, equipment and incidentals to \$14,455.83. A sum of \$95,000 was voted in Finance Message No. 3 of 1940-41, and a further supplementary vote of \$2,939,168 is therefore requested. The informal approval of this policy by Finance Committee was obtained in December, 1940.

Butter And Meat

It was also considered desirable, as a defence measure, to make urgent purchases of tinned and frozen meat, together with a quantity of butter, on Government account. The value of the stocks at 31st March, 1941, was \$899,576.01 to which sum must be added \$14,359.01 representing the loss on the sale of a certain amount of meat and butter less \$137.15 representing the profit on a certain amount of meat which was also sold.

The purchases were made on a Suspense Account and the sum standing to the debit of this account at the end of the financial year was \$713,797.87. As no provision for this unforeseen expenditure was made in the 1940-41 Estimates a supplementary vote of \$713,798 is requested.

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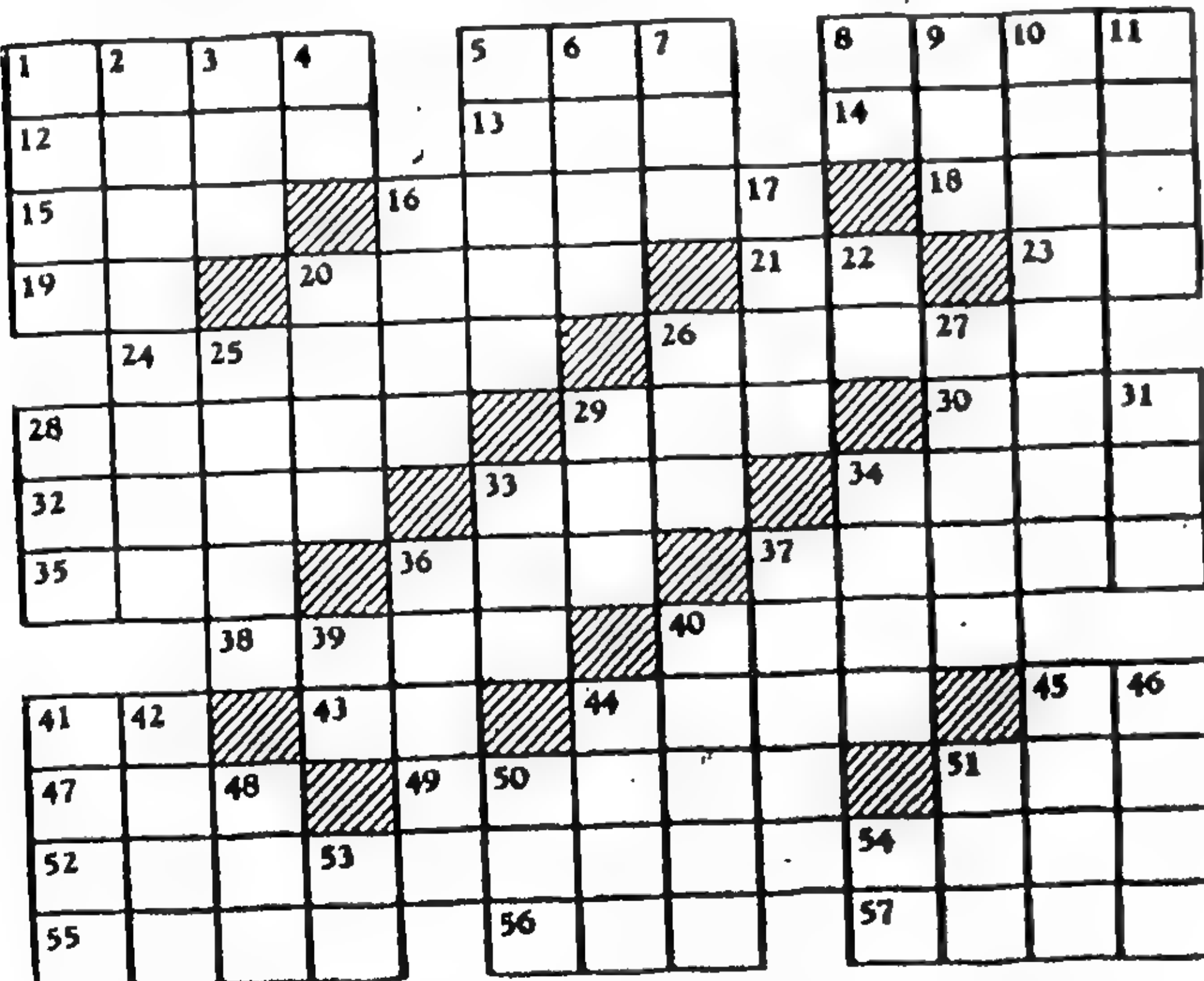
Cheung Hak-chung, of No. 8, Tai Ping Shan Street, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for managing an unregistered school at No. 10, Tai Ping Shan Street on July 24. A fine of \$100 was imposed.

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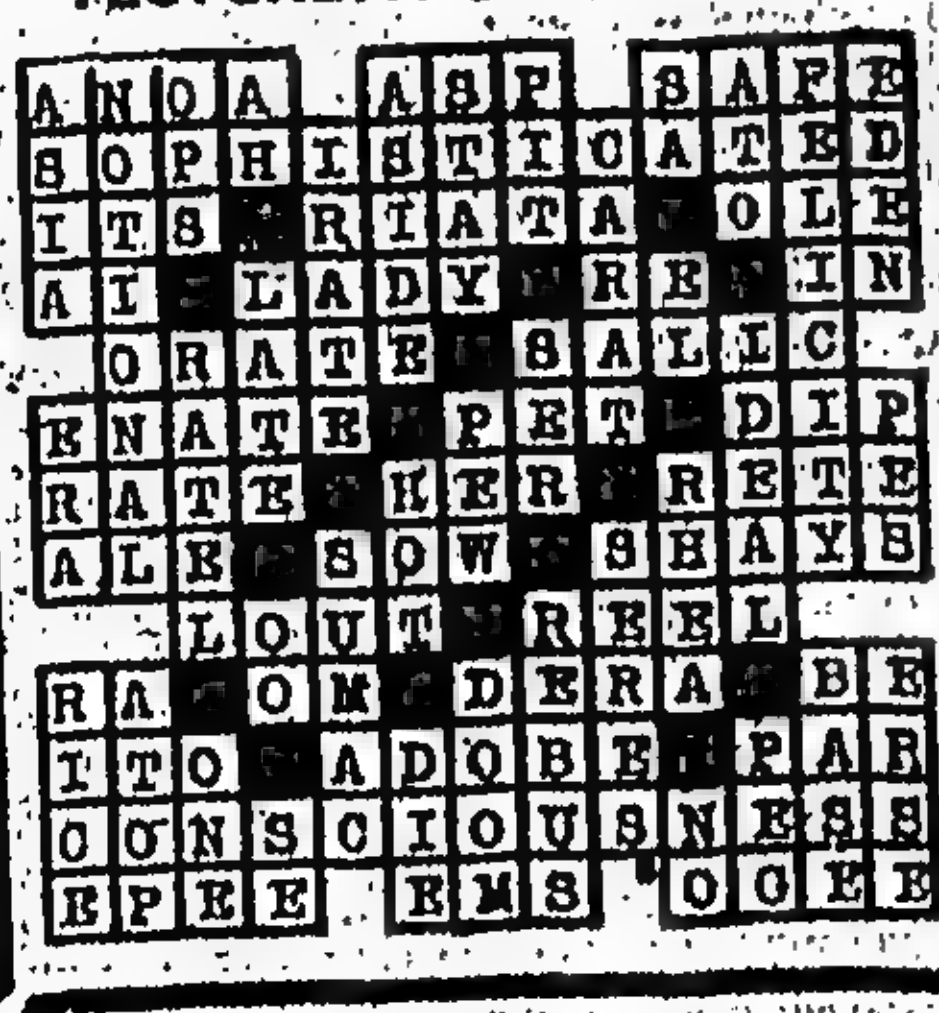
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- 49 Upright
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- 53 Poker stake
- 54 Devoured
- 57 On the ocean

VERTICAL

- 1 Mixture

- 2 Member of a criminal mob
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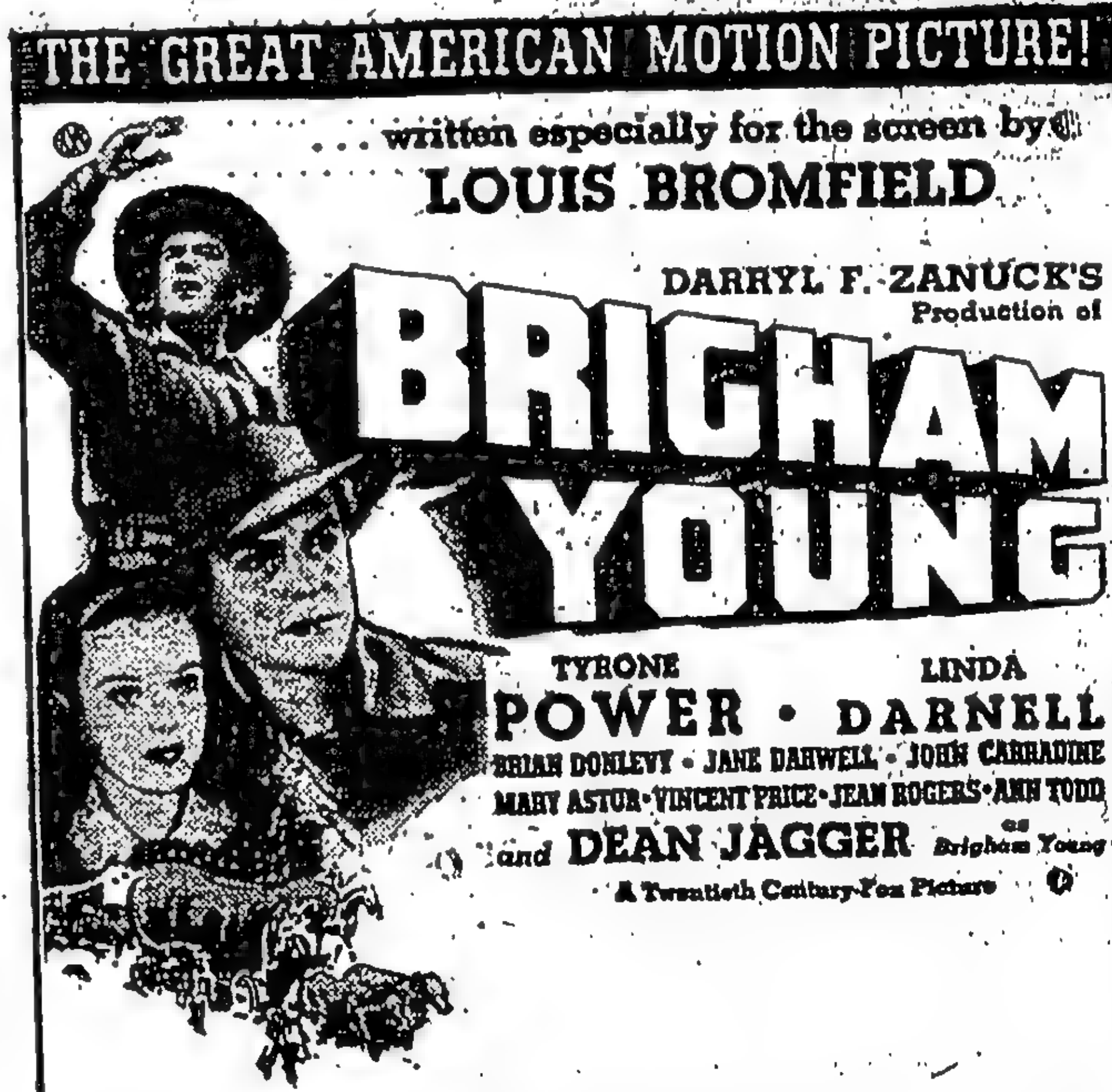
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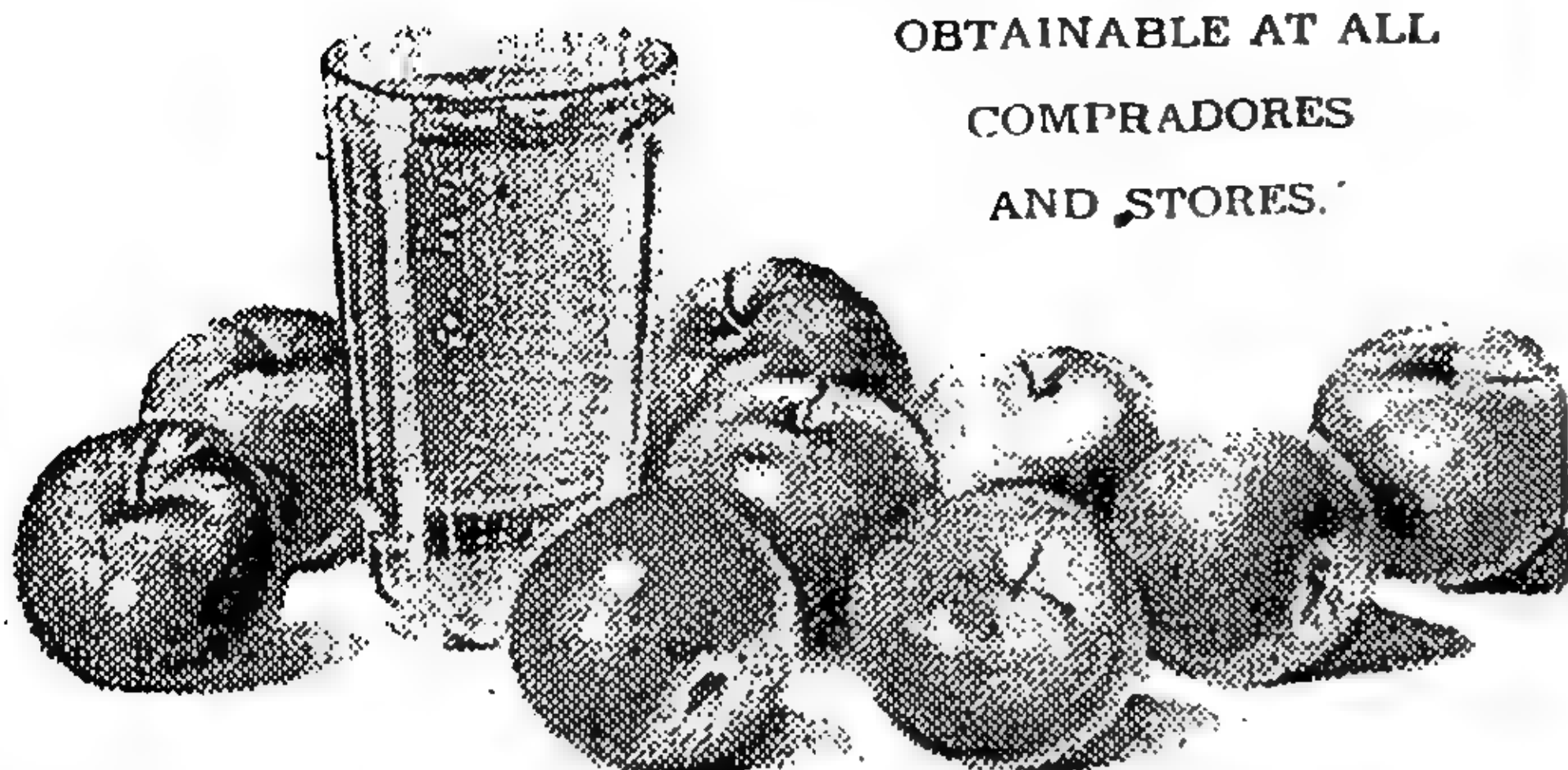
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SIGNIFICANCE SEEN IN GEN. WAVELL'S INDIA APPOINTMENT

THE IMPORTANCE of India in British war strategy is stressed by the Stockholm newspaper "Svenska Dagbladet," which refers to the prominent role of Indian troops in the Middle East fighting.

The newspaper says: "Indian arms production is even more important in the British war effort than the part played by the troops."

"Indian exports to the rest of the Empire increased by £20 millions last year thanks to her tremendously increased war material production."

"GENERAL WAVELL'S TRANSFER TO INDIA WAS CLEARLY ACTUATED BY IMPORTANT MOTIVES."

"Whereas the position in Egypt is now stabilised, the struggle for positions is commencing further east around Iran, while China is now being closely drawn into the British Asian plan, which is as much in the foreground of Anglo-Saxon consciousness as Europe."

Great Victory

"What about the Indians themselves? General Wavell has taken various measures to stimulate the war effort and it is a great victory that members of Gandhi's party have joined the War Council."

Explaining the enormous difficulties of India, due to its different languages and races, the paper adds: "So far the British have succeeded in their task of joining all coloured peoples—except the Japanese—in united resistance against Germany."—Reuter.

PRIESTS RESIST QUISLING

THE SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS FROM NORWAY THAT OUT OF MORE THAN 1,000 NORWEGIAN PRIESTS ONLY TWENTY-SIX HAVE RESPONDED TO MAJOR VIDKUN QUISLING'S DEMAND TO PUT THEIR SIGNATURES TO AN APPEAL "OF THE NORWEGIAN PEOPLE" FOR A "DECISIVE STRUGGLE AGAINST BOL-SHEVISM AND THE INTERNATIONAL GODLESS MOVEMENT."

The Norwegian bishops, who after several months of unsuccessful effort were finally authorised to hold a meeting in Oslo recently, are being urged by the National Samling to make a declaration in the same sense. Major Quisling's official "Fritt Folk" expresses the hope that the bishops "will dispel the doubts about their position and fight for Christianity's cause despite England and rumours and lies and other anti-Christian things."

SHANGHAI KIDNAPPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

KIDNAPPERS RESUMED THEIR ACTIVITY IN SHANGHAI WHEN THEY SNATCHED HU CHU-KWANG, 39, WEALTHY COMPRADORE OF THE ZOONG ZING COTTON MILL.

The daring abduction was staged by three gunmen and the victim is reported to be in captivity in Chapel.

It is the third case in a month involving cotton mills and political motives are suspected. —International News Service.

R.A.F. WRECKS AACHEN AND MUENSTER

At least one-third of each of the German cities of Aachen (Aix-a-Chapelle), with 165,000 population, and Muenster, with 144,000, has been destroyed in recent Royal Air Force bombing raids or so seriously damaged that repair work will require months of labour, the Air Ministry states.

Britons declare that the destruction at Aachen and Muenster, two German centres of rail transport for war materials needed by the Nazi war machine on the Russian front, has avenged Coventry and Plymouth, two of Great Britain's worst-hit cities.

Yet, the Air Ministry pointed out, Aachen and Muenster are but two of the targets battered incessantly during the last four weeks.

The heavy raid on Aachen, an industrial centre at the German-Belgian frontier, was made on July 10. Tons of explosives, including some of the R. A. F.'s powerful new bombs, and 7,000 incendiary bombs, were dropped on the city.

Daytime reconnaissance since has shown widespread havoc, chiefly in the centre of the city, but in two other chief areas, as well. Craters in roadways gave evidence of a disorganised state of traffic, gas, electricity, and telephone services.

"RED" CHARGE IS DENIED

DR. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, MISS STORM JAMESON, MR. E. M. FORSTER AND DR. G. P. GOOCH ARE AMONG THE SIGNATORIES TO A STATEMENT LAST MONTH DENYING ALLEGATIONS THAT THE FREE GERMAN LEAGUE OF CULTURE IS "COMMUNIST CONTROLLED."

Such a statement declared the signatories, is calculated to do serious damage to the only mass organisation of German refugees in Britain.

"The League takes most seriously its task of keeping alive the spirit of what is best in German culture. It is a cultural and welfare organisation, and in contrast to totalitarian organisations takes members of every political creed as long as they are against the Hitler system."

The hope is expressed that the T.U.C. which made the original charges, will withdraw them.

OIL RATIONING IN PROSPECT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Harold Ickes, U.S. Petroleum Co-ordinator, again warned that "more drastic steps will be taken" if the present voluntary curtailment of petrol fails in the Eastern States.

Strict rationing is predicted in the next months by some quarters as the voluntary system is held to be doomed to failure. —International News Service.

AMERICA'S FORWARD STRIDES

The remarkable development in the measures of economic defence taken by the United States Government during the last six months were stressed by Mr. Hugh Dalton in the Commons.

Mr. Dalton, who is Minister of Economic Warfare, explained that the United States' export licensing system which now covers almost all commodities important for war purposes is being strictly enforced and is the most effective means of denying supplies to the enemy.

It is now being supplemented and aided by a big programme of purchases of strategic material in South America which will also deprive the Axis of valuable supplies.

The financial side of the blockade had been much strengthened by the freezing of German, Italian and Japanese assets, said Mr. Dalton in conclusion.

He characterised America's measures as "remarkable." —Reuter.

POLICE SERGEANT ACCUSED

POLICE SERGEANT J. E. McDERMOTT, ATTACHED TO THE CENTRAL POLICE STATION, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, WITH DEMANDING MONEY WITH MENACES AT NO. 196, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, SECOND FLOOR, ON AUGUST 2.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ pleaded not guilty on behalf of the accused. Detective Inspector J. O'Donovan was for the prosecution.

It was alleged that defendant, with a Chinese constable No. C40, demanded \$100 from a man named Lo Kiu.

Defendant was remanded until Monday, on bail of \$150.

REALISM IN EXERCISE

RESIDENTS IN THE VICINITY OF ALHAMBRA THEATRE WERE GIVEN A SURPRISE SHORTLY BEFORE NOON WHEN A FIRE ENGINE ARRIVED, CONNECTED TWO HOSES AND PUT UP A LADDER TO THE SECOND FLOOR OF A HOUSE JUST BEHIND THE THEATRE.

The hoses were put into action, while a fireman climbed up the ladder.

It was later disclosed that the engine crew was engaged on an exercise.

The inmates of the ground floor seemed to object to the realism as water from the hoses penetrated into the house through the back door.

TAFT AMENDMENT REJECTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. Senate yesterday rejected, by 50 votes to 27, an amendment by Senator Taft to keep draftees, National Guards and reservists in service for 18 months instead of a year. —International News Service.

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THE SHADOW OF NAPOLEON

Through the fog of claim and counter-claim the certainty has emerged that the Germans have sustained a check. Perhaps it is only momentary, and the battle will roll on to-morrow; even so, in six weeks of heavy fighting they have achieved no strategic success comparable to the Sedan break-through, they have clearly failed to cut the Red Army into fragments or paralyse any great sections of it. So Napoleon, advancing in the famous summer of 1812, with his earlier version of the same tactics of speed and encirclement, consistently failed to close his pincers, to bring off his combinations or secure the decisive battle on which he counted. And so the pale ghost of that earlier corporal looms, just a little larger than before, just a shade more ominous, over the Hitler field headquarters.

It is curious how that shadow has grown. We were reminded of it—years ago, it now seems—in Spain. With the first crash of bombs on Poland it was evident that these, in a sense that was never true of 1914-18, were Napoleonic times. When Hitler's barge fleets appeared in the Channel ports we all saw Napoleon's flatboats at Boulogne; and when he switched his planes and tanks from the invasion of Britain to sudden, crashing victory in the Balkans, it was Napoleon, swinging suddenly eastward to Austerlitz, all over again. But it could not be; everything was different, politics, tactics, weapons, economics, propaganda. The parallel was a patent illusion. Yet, with all the differences of time and tempo, the parallel only grows, as if by a kind of remorseless inevitability.

What are Hitler's desperate attempts to organise the economy of all Europe except a modern version of the Berlin decrees and the Continental system? What was the Peace of Tilsit in 1807, with its mystery, its secret division of expected spoils and its utterly anomalous "ideological" base, except the prototype of the Berlin-Moscow pact? And now we are in 1941, after the same prelude in the steady massing of troops on both sides of the border, after the same sudden surprise attack, made with the same inexplicability of under-



HAVE YOU EVER SEEN AN "OSTRICH" KICK?

"Shooting War" Seen

The war has reached two major crises. As the greatest campaign in military history approaches its climax in Western Russia, United States sailors and marines have landed in Iceland, 600 statute miles from German-occupied Norway.

They were makers of history. For the American occupation of Iceland must have incalculable consequences upon the course of the war.

Iceland has been occupied by British troops since May, 1940, first by a small force of Canadians, later by a larger British force. The strength of these troops at their maximum was estimated popularly at 60,000 to 80,000 men, but it is doubtful if it reached more than one-third to one-half of these figures. These British troops, who have been guarding Iceland against possible German seizure and hence a German threat to the northern sea approaches to the British Isles—670 miles away—will now be withdrawn gradually and freed for duty elsewhere. Although the British will retain the right to use Iceland as a naval base, and possibly as an air base, the British garrison will be entirely replaced by

American troops, who will assume sole responsibility for its defence during the course of the war.

Reykjavik, Iceland's port, is 950 miles from Julianhaab, Greenland, where American troops are already stationed, and Julianhaab in turn is 1,000 miles from St. Johns, Nfld., another American outpost, which in turn is 1,250 miles from New York. As planes must fly—with stops at these intermediate ocean

effective—a great increment of strength will be added to the British attempt to defeat Reichsfuehrer Hitler's counter-blockade.

But these things cannot be done, Iceland cannot be guarded indefinitely without shooting; of this there is no doubt.

American objectives in a "shooting war" are not yet defined, however. Are we still fighting a war of limited liability, a strategically defensive war, in which some of our military strength is to be used for the purpose of preventing an outright German defeat of Great Britain and the British Empire? Or is the occupation of Iceland the first step in what eventually is to become an "all-out" offensive effort, not only to prevent the defeat of Britain, but to insure the defeat of Germany? Until these questions are answered the extent of U.S. participation in the war cannot be gauged.

But it is already evident that that participation, regardless of objective, must be considerable. The garrison sent to Iceland probably must eventually grow to the equivalent of at least two divisions, perhaps more. It must include a considerable number of anti-aircraft regiments and coast artillery. The latter may take over the coast defence guns the British already have installed (though an ammunition problem would be involved) but United States troops will probably bring their own anti-aircraft guns and all other equipment with them, and may supplement British coast defence guns with some of their own.

Some of the British air and naval sites may also be taken over, though it is likely that the British will retain some of these for war operations. Iceland has a rugged coastline of some 3,700 miles, deeply indented by fjords, so that surveillance of such a coast is a difficult one, and must be undertaken chiefly by naval vessels and planes. America probably will maintain a considerable naval force in or near its waters, basing, perhaps in Hvalfjörður, a fjord about fifteen miles north of Reykjavik, which the British are believed to have used as one of their bases. Naval patrol flying boats with long ranges, Consolidated land bombers and probably many reconnaissance and some pursuit planes will complete the defences.

Since it is obvious that once occupied, Iceland must be held regardless of the threat, and since Iceland is plainly in the war zone, the strength of the forces there must tend to increase with time.

By Hanson
W. Baldwin

outposts—Iceland is, therefore, 3,200 miles away, a distance that is shortened by direct, great-circle routes to about 2,834 miles.

Held Implied

Geographically and strategically there are differences of opinion as to whether or not Iceland is part of the Western Hemisphere. This does not now matter. For Iceland, whether or not it was pertinent to Western Hemisphere defence, was already protected by British troops who are probably better trained and equipped for such a task than the relatively green troops that will relieve them.

Moreover, the President accompanied his announcement of the occupation of Iceland with an even more important announcement. He said:

"I have . . . issued orders to the Navy that all necessary steps be taken to insure the safety of communications in the approaches between Iceland and the United States, as well as on the seas between the United States and all other strategic outposts." These measures, therefore, obviously imply:

1. First evidence of the government's intention to help Britain with military means.

2. Our definite participation in a "shooting war."

To Britain, the United States occupation of Iceland is far less important in a military than in a morale sense. It offers evident implications of greater aid to come. And the President's "orders to the Navy" promise material relief to a Britain hard-pressed upon the seas for its Navy takes any and all measures—to "insure communications"—patrolling and conveying by surface and air units and shooting and bombing to make such measures

lying motive. And just as the last years of the Napoleonic empire saw it meeting the main shock upon the east, while an unconquered Britain, hanging upon its rear in Spain, wasted French strength, so the same Britain hangs again upon Hitler's rear, making with her bombers much the same sort of contribution.

The conclusion? There is none. It is true that the differences in detail are as immense as the similarities in the broad historical outlines, and the end may be anything. But before the seeming remorselessness with which these broad outlines have reappeared, one is led to wonder. Do they often think of Napoleon at Hitler's field headquarters?

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Japanese Moves In Indo-China

SECRET ATLANTIC MEETING?

Speculation whether Mr. Churchill will cross the Atlantic to meet President Roosevelt at sea was prevalent in Washington yesterday.

WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES EXPRESSED DOUBT AND THERE IS NOTHING OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE SUGGESTION.

A message from the President's yacht, the Potomac, says President Roosevelt is continuing his cruise in northern waters to an undisclosed destination.

The Commander of the Atlantic Fleet, Rear-Admiral Ernest King, visited President Roosevelt in the Potomac off the New England coast yesterday and discussed naval matters.—Reuter.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Shanghai on account of Cholera.

Long Convoys Of Lorries Pouring Out Of Saigon

WHILE HALF A DOZEN JAPANESE FREIGHTERS CONTINUE TO COME UP THE SAIGON RIVER DAILY PAST FIVE DESTROYERS AND A CRUISER MOORED TO THE BUND, LONG LORRY CONVOYS ROLL TO THE THAI FRONTIER.

A large number of lorries have left Saigon since Saturday. A typical convoy consists of half a dozen Harley-Davidson motorcycle combinations and about 60 Chevrolet and Ford trucks, half containing 25 troops each, the remainder carrying a few troops and material, including small field-pieces and trench-mortars.

A few trucks trail long-barreled 75's which are probably all-purpose guns with a high elevation against aircraft.

No heavy artillery has yet been seen although warehouses and docks are jammed with material.

It is now learned that except for a few hundred troops from Tongking the remainder of the Japanese forces arrived from Canton, a considerable proportion having seen service at Nanning.

It is understood all buildings surrounding the main square at Phnompenh have been commandeered by the Japanese and the occupation is proceeding apace.

Rainy Season

The present rainy season is likely to hinder the manoeuvrability of the Japanese forces and it is expected that they will be fully occupied for several weeks in consolidating their positions and building up military stores.

Japanese trucks at present are operating on their own imported gasoline.

Saigon remains quiet although American firms are taking immediate steps drastically to reduce the foreign staff.—Reuter.

THAILAND RECOGNITION OF MANCHUKUO

Thailand has recognised Manchukuo, says a Japanese report from Bangkok quoting a Thai Foreign Ministry announcement.—Reuter.

Wang's Canton Speech

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Realisation of the ideals of "Asia for the Asiatics" and "the Orient for the Orientals" was urged by Wang Ching-wei in a speech at the opening of the Far East Journalists' Conference in Canton yesterday.

Wang recalled that Canton was the birthplace of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and declared the true meaning of Sun Yat-sen's revolutionary movement was Asiatic leadership as "recognising the aggression policy of Europe towards China, to believe in Sino-Japanese amity and to save Asia from this danger."

Wang called on Japanese Army Headquarters in Canton and exchanged greetings. He expressed gratitude for the military assistance "bringing increased peace to Kwangtung," and it is understood, requested continued assistance.—Reuter Special.

ASKS FOR LONGER GAOL SENTENCE

"I had no food and was very hungry. I wish you would give me a longer gaol term or banish me to my country right away, for I am unable to find food in this Colony," said Li Kwai, 28, to Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning when charged with stealing and with a breach of a Deportation Order.

Admitting stealing 12 catties of vegetables from a girl in Shanghai Street yesterday, accused was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour.

EXTENSIVE THEFTS

Four months' hard labour was imposed on So Foo-kut, 25, office coolie, by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning for stealing goods valued at \$2,166.85 from his employer, Mr. T. Nakata, of No. 20, Ice House Street.

Defendant was arrested in a cafe at Des Voeux Road Central yesterday, and a large number of pawn tickets were found in his possession.

ECONOMIC DEMAND ON THAILAND

Many heavy Japanese bombers have arrived at a French air base in Cambodia which was surrendered to the Japanese by Vichy.

Japanese artillery and armoured units are stated to have left for an unknown destination and heavy concentrations of artillery are reported to be taking place on the Thai border.

Mr. Koh Ishii, Deputy Spokesman of the Information Board, admitted in Tokyo that Japan is making economic demands on Thailand or, as he described it, is continuing economic negotiations with Thai.

The "Kokumin Shimbun" stated that Japan's ambition did not stop at the coercion of Thailand and that Japan could not stop her co-prosperity sphere in East Asia without including the Netherlands East Indies.

"The Times" Warns

The London "Times" yesterday issued the following warning to Japan:—

"Japan must be left in no doubt that she will not be allowed to gain anything from her seizure of Indo-China or elsewhere and that Britain and the United States are determined to keep open China's lifeline on the Burma road," said the paper.

"Any further aggression will be immediately followed by most unpleasant consequences."

The economic measures taken against Japan are already having practical effect and consultations are going on with other Governments to make these measures even more effective.—Reuter.

SAMPAN STICK-UP

That Chinese passengers arriving in the Colony on board ships are frequently intimidated by gangsters, was alleged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning when Sui Pat-tai was sentenced to three months' hard labour and recommended for banishment for demanding money with menaces.

It was stated that several Chinese passengers, arriving here from Saigon on Monday, were approached by accused and accomplices, to be taken ashore in a sampan. On the way, the passengers were threatened and they paid 260 piastres before they were allowed to land.

The gangsters took the money and left but accused was arrested later on information.

WOMAN BURGLAR CAUGHT AGAIN

A woman cat-burglar, Lo Lin, 38, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning for theft from No. 164, Hennessy Road, second floor, yesterday. A similar sentence was imposed on Siu Chuen, 29, for aiding and abetting.

The woman had a previous conviction for a similar offence.

Detective Sergeant V. Morrison prosecuted.

CAUTIONED FOR SPITTING

Arrested by a Chinese constable for spitting in the street in Yau-ma-tei district and kept in custody since 9 o'clock yesterday morning, Cheung Sam, 40, who had had no money in his possession, was cautioned by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

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RUBBER FACTORY FINED

The manager of the Hong Kong Rubber Manufactory, Matachung Road, was fined \$250 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning for employing 30 woman workers in prohibited hours on July 13.

Labour Inspector Ng Sui-tong said it was a very big factory and the management should have known the regulations.

Accused said he allowed them to work because he had an urgent order to fill that day.

A fine of \$200 was imposed on the manager of Yuet Po Knitting Factory, No. 308, Castle Peak Road, for a similar offence.

For operating unregistered factories, the managers of Lido Knitting Factory, No. 30, Taiipo Road, and Leung Fat Kee Electro Plating Factory, No. 99, Yu Chau Street, were fined \$100 and \$150 respectively.

MORE PINE TREES TO BE CUT

Decision to extract a further quantity of timber from the New Territories, in the pine plantations, in order to increase the stocks of firewood in the Colony, is disclosed by a supplementary vote for \$40,000 to cover the cost of labour and transport, to be submitted to Legislative Council Finance Committee tomorrow for approval.

Fleet's Night Attack In Sardinia

DESCRIBING THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET'S NIGHT ATTACK ON SARDINIAN PORTS AN AGENCY CORRESPONDENT ON BOARD H.M.S. ARK ROYAL STATES: "BELOW ME THE FLIGHT DECK, WIDER THAN AN ARTERIAL ROAD, IS SCARCELY DISCERNIBLE."

"It is 3 a.m. and the night air is resounding with the hum of aeroplane engines. Their bomb racks are full, for the Gibraltar force of Admiral Somerville is on the offensive."

"In fact the offensive has already begun for three quarters of an hour ago there was a luminous reflection in the sky far away over the coast of north Sardinia. It came from star shells by destroyers sent in to bombard the seaplane base at Alghero and shipping in harbour there."

"Now our bombers are to follow and four tons of bombs beneath their wings are destined for Alghero aerodrome."

"Zero hour is near and the crews are already in the aircraft. A few minutes ago, wearing flying suits and lifebelts, pilots and observers under carefully shaded lights in the Air Intelligence Department were receiving final instructions for the raid."

"The hum of engines increases with a shattering crescendo and suddenly the flight deck is picked out in tiny pin points of light. They match the stars in the dark sky."

"Cunningly devised they cast no radiance to the sky to advertise our presence to a possible lurking U-boat but give a bare minimum of guiding light for a safe take off."

"The deck vibrates as the first bomber thunders forward. Its shadowy outline seems terribly menacing."

Flurry Of Sparks

"As it passed the bridge the orange glow of the exhaust illuminates a few feet of the fuselage and a flurry of red sparks swirl madly in the wind before they vanish."

"The centre row of safety lights disappear for an instant. We know the bomber is in the air. Within a few minutes all are away."—British Wire ess.

CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Cholera has struck Shanghai, five deaths being reported in the past week.

The Japanese authorities have enforced a strict inspection of cholera passes before allowing persons to cross Garden Bridge into Hongkew. — International News Service.

ATTACK ON PREMIER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
MR. ANEURIN BEVAN, THE LABOUR M.P., MADE A SLASHING ATTACK ON MR. CHURCHILL IN THE COAL DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Bevan accused Mr. Churchill of being responsible for what he termed the "dangerous coal shortage" in Britain. — International News Service.

CHINA SILK OUTPUT

FOLLOWING THE UNITED STATES ACTION IN FREEZING JAPANESE ASSETS, INCLUDING SILK STOCKS, CHINESE SILK EXPERTS ARE URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE SILK PRODUCTION IN CHINA.

They aim at a yearly export to the U.S. of 500,000 piculs of silk valued at U.S.\$200,000,000.

The amount exported to the U.S. annually at present is less than 100 piculs. — Reuter.

WAR POWERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Warlike powers for the President to seize property needed in national defence were voted by the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday. The measure has been passed back to the Senate for final action. — International News Service.

Axis Shows Concern

The Axis press shows marked concern over the alleged Anglo-Russian collaboration regarding Iran and Afghanistan.

Considerable discrepancies appear in figures reported in the German press of Germans resident in Iran.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" for instance says they number only 600 whereas the "Voelkischer Beobachter" admits 2,500.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" another symptom of Anglo-Russian collaboration was the fact that pamphlets were dropped by the R.A.F. over Berlin last Saturday night saying: "The Russians are still capable of long resistance and will later launch effective counter-offensives." — Reuter.

EXCHANGE DEALING

It is reported that the four Chinese "National" banks in Shanghai have been granted special permits by the American Consul to deal with Sino-American exchanges.

The permits limit the four banks to dealings in unfrozen assets. — Our Own Correspondent.

LOSS ON "RADIO REVIEW"

Lack of public support for the "Hong Kong Radio Review" has involved Government in expenditure of \$15,341.

In a minute attached to a vote for this sum, it is stated that when the Review was started in October, 1939, it was hoped that it might be self-supporting and that there would be no charge on public funds. Income and expenditure were therefore caused on a suspense account. Unfortunately, owing to lack of public support, a loss has been incurred, the net deficit for the whole period up to 31st March, 1941, being \$15,340.08.

A supplementary vote of \$15,341 is requested to clear the suspense account.

TURKISH TROOPS GREET BRITISH AT SYRIAN FRONTIER

AT THE SYRIAN-TURKISH border last month, British and Turkish troops greeted each other in a symbolic gesture as the Allied occupation of Syria's strategic points was completed by a British motorised column from the Aleppo region.

Following the armoured cars, I drove here with several British officers and correspondents, writes Russell Hill. A milestone on the Aleppo-Antioch road, within sight of a medieval castle, states that Aleppo is twenty-five miles away in one direction and Alexandretta sixty miles in almost the opposite direction. A few yards from the first stone is another, which marks the boundary line between Turkey and Syria.

The British armoured cars passed the Syrian customs house, the functions of which are being carried on by the same officials who were in charge before the capitulation of the Vichy administration. The armoured cars continued on four miles, through a kind of no-man's land, until they reached a marker which shows the end of Syrian territory and the beginning of Turkish. From the customs house on the other side of the line, Turkish soldiers marched up the road. At the border they came to attention, saluted and then shook hands, smilingly, with the men who had clambered down from the armoured vehicles.

"England — Turkey — Very Good"

Cigarettes were exchanged but language difficulties interfered with a free flow of conversation. The Turkish troops, however, managed English well enough to say: "England — Turkey — very good." At that they smiled, and the British answered with smiles.

After strolling down a road which winds through barren mountain country toward the Turkish frontier, we observed from one of the heights Turkish advanced posts, where troops manned machine-guns and field pieces. Later we came in sight of the frontier village of Ain-Dilse, where the crimson Turkish flag waved in the breeze. A captain of the Turkish Army greeted the party cordially and expressed pleasure that Great Britain and Turkey were now neighbours. A British officer responded in similar vein. After drinking a cup of Turkish coffee the invariable sign of hospitality in the Near East, we returned to the Syrian outpost.

Of interest here is the fact that the British, at least for the time being, are leaving the frontier in control of those who were in charge while Gen. Henri Dentz ruled as High Commissioner. A similarly anomalous situation prevails in Aleppo. Although the town has been occupied by the British, Vichy officers and men continue to move about freely.



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Hopkins Promises Vast Shipping Aid

HARRY L. HOPKINS, supervisor of the United States lease-lend programme, paused in the midst of a hurried series of meetings and conferences, that had included attendance at one Cabinet meeting, within a few hours of his arrival, to explain the primary reason for his visit.

It was, he said, for the purpose of discussing all phases of American aid to Britain.

The scanty picture he gave of the American industrial effort to supply the sinews of war as well as food and fire-fighting equipment for the civil defence struck British newspaper men who heard it as being, from their point of view, the most optimistic news they had had from America in a long time. The newspapers gave banner headlines to the accounts of his interview.

There were audible gaspings at Mr. Hopkins's suggestion that the American shipping output for 1942 would reach 6,000,000 tons. The possibility of any such output had been seriously questioned here for a long time.

Shipping Plans

"We are launching the biggest merchant shipbuilding programme ever undertaken by any country," Mr. Hopkins said. "We are going to build enough ships to bring our goods to the United Kingdom and into every theatre of war in the world where the democracies are fighting Hitler. This year America is building 1,000,000 tons of merchant shipping and there will be 6,000,000 next year, with substantially more in 1943.

"The whole production effort, both of your country and ours, must be to supply munitions of war sufficient to overwhelm the Fascist dictatorships. It is the purpose of our productive effort and that is the only purpose—to whip this fellow Hitler—and I am convinced that between the British Empire and the United States and those other countries that are still free that we can make this mechanised equipment in vastly superior quantities.

"All those oppressed peoples who are worrying about how this war is coming out must realise that this war just cannot be lost.

"In America production is increasing every month and is going to increase every month until it is far more extensive than anybody realises."

Guarantees Arrival

Replying to a question about United States Navy escorts to see the goods delivered to Britain with a minimum of loss, Mr. Hopkins said:

"You are all probably familiar with the President's statement. He said 'our goods are going to arrive.' All I can say is that we are going to do it. We are going to protect those ships but I cannot discuss details."

There was, in subsequent replies, a suggestion of how Iceland, important as an outpost militarily, is also available for ships flying the American flag now prohibited by law from entering belligerent waters. It was possible, Mr. Hopkins said, to make it a control point where the goods could be transferred.

Mr. Hopkins said that in addition to munitions and other war materials the United States intended to see that huge quantities of food were supplied.

"We are going to see that food and adequate amounts of cheese, dairy products, fats and pork products get over here. The things you need are things requiring a major change in our agricultural vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ 8 5 3
♥ A Q J 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ 6 5

The bidding:
Schenken Pass (7)
Maler Pass (7)
Jacoby Pass (7)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

BRIDGE NOTES

FINDING OUT

By The Four Aces

Every bridge player has to make a certain number of guesses, but part of his success depends upon his ability to find out definite information instead of relying on a guess. For example:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ Q 10 7 3
♦ Q J
♣ Q 8 4

WEST

♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ 8 4
♦ A 6
♣ A K 10 9 3

EAST

♠ J 8 3
♥ 6 2
♦ K 9 8 5 2
♣ 6 5 2

SOUTH

♠ K 10
♥ A K J 9 5
♦ 10 7 4 3
♣ J 7

The bidding:

North East South West
Pass Pass 1♥ 2♣
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass

South probably should have passed at three hearts because he had a minimum opening bid and his partner had been unable to open the bidding originally. But he preferred to go the whole hog, hoping that his partner's hand would be a perfect fit.

West opened the King of clubs, and stopped to think on seeing the dummy and his partner's discouraging device of clubs. The "automatic" shift was to a low spade, through dummy's strength; but West thought a little more. His own hand could win three tricks, assuming that South still had another club. The contract could be defeated, then, if East could win one other defensive trick. But what trick could East win?

East almost surely had either the spade or the diamond King — if the contract could be beaten. So a spade lead at the second trick would be fine if East had the spade King, but disastrous if East had the diamond King; for South would probably manage to draw trumps and discard a loser on dummy's spades.

Then West thought about laying down the Ace of diamonds. That would be fine if East had the diamond King, but how would it be if East had the spade King? And West noted that it was unlikely to be disastrous. South would have his diamonds set up, but that wouldn't help him unless he had an unusually long diamond suit. So West refused to guess, but laid down the diamond Ace. And East gave the required information by signalling with the diamond nine. Then West led another diamond, and a club return set the contract.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 7 5
♥ K 9 6 4 3
♦ 7 3 2
♣ 10 6

The bidding:

Burnstone Schenken You Jacoby
1♠ Pass 1♥ 2♣
2♠ Pass (7)

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner's bidding is very strong, but your hand is too weak for a second bid. There is no real need to go back to diamonds since one suit should play about as well as the other. Passing will keep you out of trouble.

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Question No. 787

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Inferentially, Mr. Hopkins revealed the American view that the all-out effort would be necessary until the end of 1943 at the earliest.

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On the subject of aircraft Mr. Hopkins said:

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BLOCKADE OF FINLAND

Economic measures taken by the British Government in consequence of the entry of German troops into Finland resulted in the blockade of Finland from June 14 stated the Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. Hugh Dalton, answering a question in the Commons.

Early in June, he said, the British Government, having learned that German troops were being stationed in Finland in substantial number, instructed that no more "ship navicerts" be granted and that until further notice vessels bound for Finland and Finnish ships which had sailed be intercepted and detained at a British port.

The position continued to deteriorate and on June 20 instructions were given for the refusal of any more navicerts and export licences to Finland. — British Wireless.



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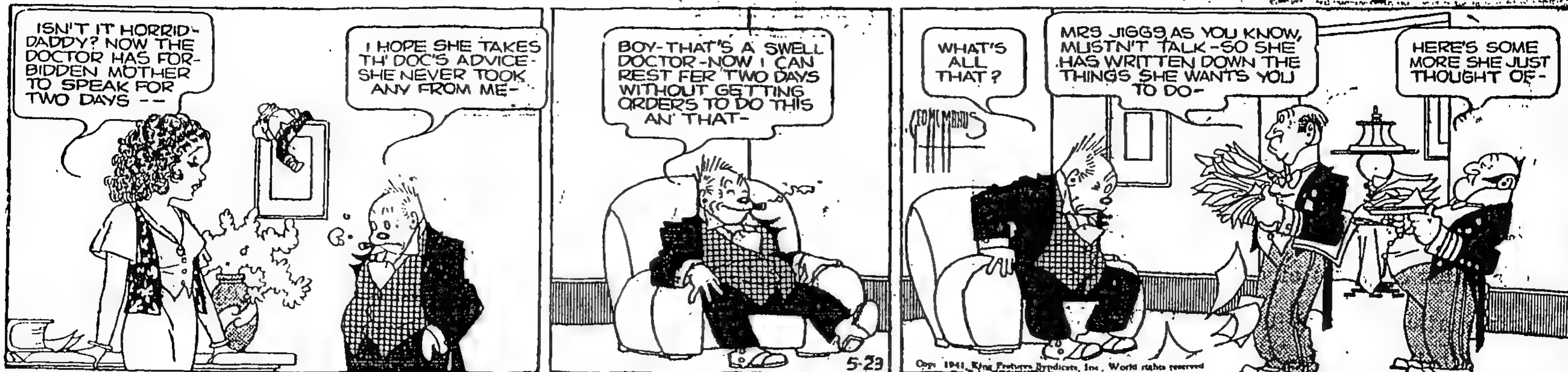
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN To Prevent Heat Exhaustion

Each year I think it wise to warn readers against heat exhaustion and sunstroke. Here are some rules which should be memorized by all.

Avoid prolonged exposure to sun or excessive heat either indoors or outdoors.

If exposed to direct sun keep the head covered.

Wear light, porous clothing during hot weather.

Remain where there is circulation of air, if possible. An electric fan may be used to create a breeze.

Avoid undue physical exertion.

Drink adequate amounts of cool water (not iced). The body is cooled by perspiration but the fluid lost must be replaced by a large intake of water. This varies with the individual and the length of exposure to heat. Often 8 to 12 glasses a day are needed.

Use a liberal amount of salt with food or add it to the water. This replaces salt and other elements lost through perspiration.

The drinking of slightly cooled water containing small quantities of salt (one-quarter teaspoonful to one quart of water) is particularly effective in preventing heat cramps or the recurrent attacks of muscular spasm among persons exposed to high heat.

Observe healthful living habits — sufficient sleep, frequent baths, well-selected and usually light foods, regular and thorough elimination.

To Treat Heat Exhaustion

Signs: Pallor, cold, moist skin, rapid, shallow breathing; pulse weak; temperature subnormal; patient usually conscious.

Treatment: Call a doctor. Lay the patient in a cool, quiet place, in a reclining position. Loosen the clothing. Keep him warm with a hot water bottle, blankets or other means. If conscious, give him a stimulant — tea, coffee, or aromatic spirits of ammonia (one teaspoonful in one-half glass of water.)

How To Treat Sunstroke

Preliminary Symptoms: Dizziness, sometimes nausea, acute pain in the head. In true sunstroke, the symptoms are rapidly followed by unconsciousness.

Signs: Unconsciousness, skin dry and hot, face red or purple, breathing difficult, pulse rapid, temperature high.



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Treatment: Call a doctor. Remove the patient to a cool place, lay him on his back, remove as much clothing as possible. Reduce the temperature by sponging the body with cold water. Apply an ice bag or cold cloths (iced if possible) to the head. Rub the hands and trunk towards the heart to induce circulation. Give no stimulant. These rules apply to all ages.

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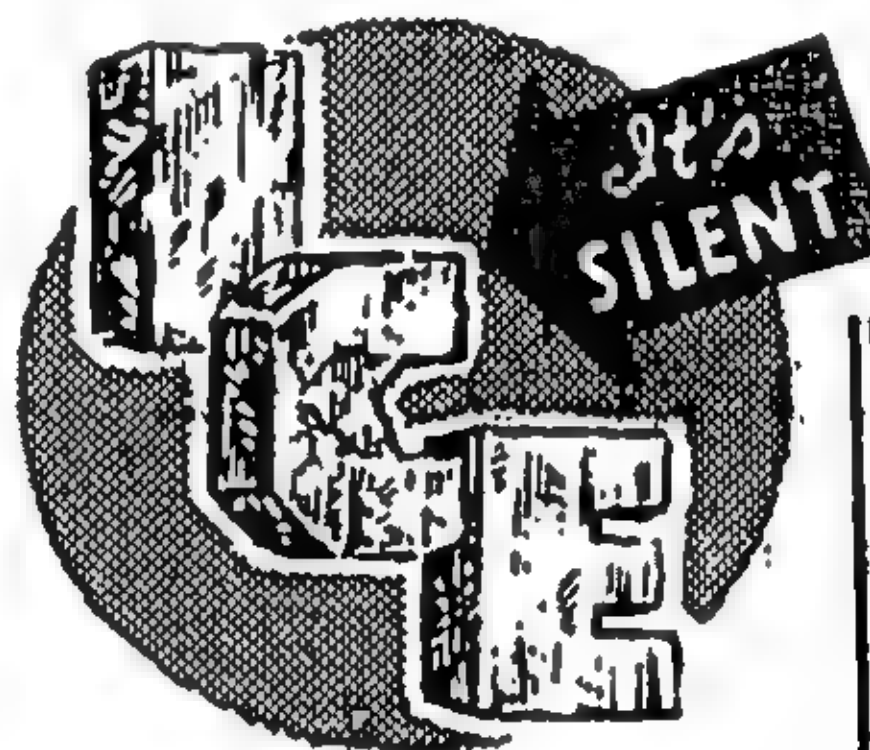
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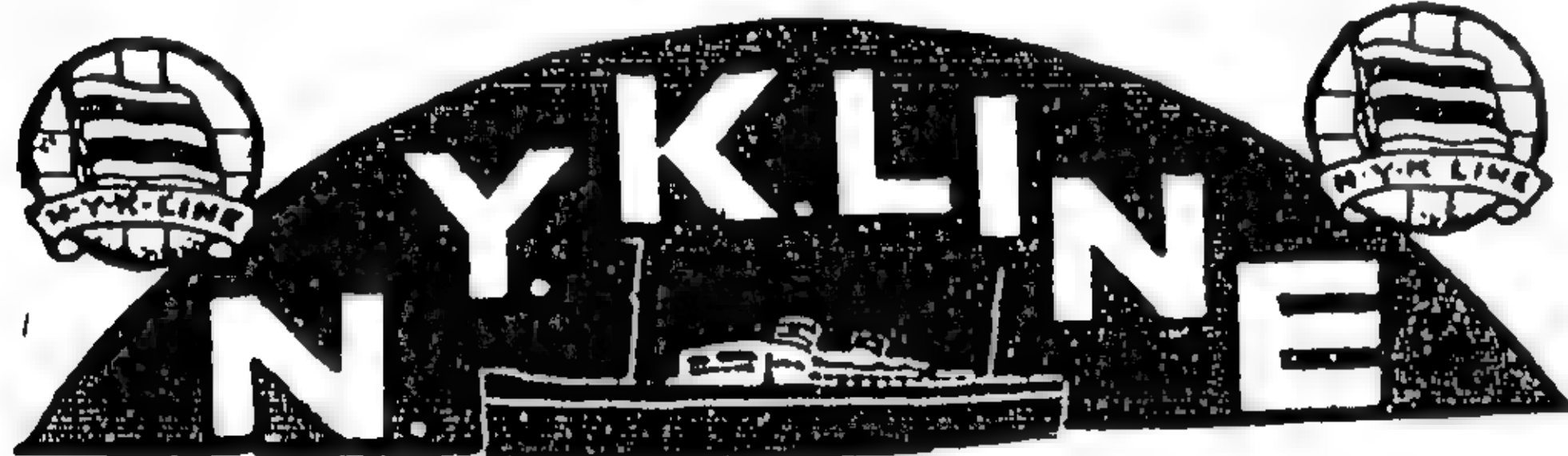
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6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Arthur Young and Hatchett's Swingtette.

Dearest, I Love You; Mind, The Hand-die's Hot (Noonan); Beat Me, Daddy, Fight To A Bar- (Raye, Prince, Sheeb); Ida, Sweet As Apple Cider (Leonard); How Am I To Know? (Parker, King); Brother Jackie (Frere-Jacques)—Traditional; All The Things You Are (Kern, Hammerstein); Rumpel-Strip-Idn—Quick-Step (Tobias, Lewis); I Hear Bluebirds — Fox-Trot (Woods, Tobias).

7.15 p.m.—Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour in a Hawaiian Programme. Nohoa I Moolau Lani; Samoan Love Song (from "Taboo"—Corryn Kihel) ... Andy Iona & his Islanders.

Hawaiian Paradise (Owens)... Bing Crosby with Dick McIntire & his Harmony Hawaiians.

My Tane (My Man), Hawaiian Novelty (Noble & others); Hawaii Sing To Me—A Hawaiian Lullaby (F. Mills) ... Andy Iona & his Islanders

Moonlight And Shadows (from film "Jungle Princess"—Robin) Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra. Hawaii March (Gino Bordin). Gino Bordin & his Hawaiians.

Trade Winds (Friend, Tobias)... Bing Crosby with Orchestra. Charming of Hawaii (Gino Bordin) ... Gino Bordin & his Hawaiians

On A Tropic Night (from film "Tropic Holiday"—Washington), Panamanian (from film "Swing High, Swing Low"—Coslow, Siegel) Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra

On The Dreamy Moana Shore (Dyson); Tropical Hulas (Cunha, Nape) South Sea Islanders. Song Of The Islands (Arr. King).

Aloha Oe (Farewell to Thee—Kennedy) Bing Crosby with Dick McIntire & his Harmony Hawaiians

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"It's That Sand Again — (ITSA)". Tommy Handley & "Fun" in a seaside show-down written by Ted Kavanagh; produced by Francis Worsley.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Compositions of Haydn. Overture in D Major... Orchestre De La Societe Des Concerts. Minuet in C Sharp Minor (Cis Moll); Chain of Waltzes... Wanda Landowska (Harpsichord).

My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair ... Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Piano. Symphony No. 6 in G Major — The "Surprise" Symphony — 1st Mov: Adagio cantabile—Allegro vivace; 2nd Mov: Andante; 3rd Mov: Allegro molto; 4th Mov: Allegro di Molto... The Boston Symphony Orchestra cond. by Serge Koussevitsky.

The Heavens Are Telling — "The Creation"... Royal Choral Society & London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Dr. Sargent.

Menuet... Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano. 9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Mozart—Sonata in A Major. 1st Mov: Andante grazioso, Variations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6; 2nd Mov: Menuetto and Trio; 3rd Mov: Alle turca—Allegretto & Coda... Edwin Fischer (Piano).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Studio—Our Letter From Free China.

10.30 p.m.—Half An Hour From Musical Comedy. Cusanova—Selection (J. Strauss, arr. Benatzky)... The New Mayfair Orchestra.

Bitter Sweet—Vocal Gems (Noel Coward)... Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra. Hit The Deck—Vocal Gems (Youmans)... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

The Love Race—Selection (Clarke) ... The New Mayfair Orchestra. 11.00 p.m.—London—"Britain To-day"—Discussion.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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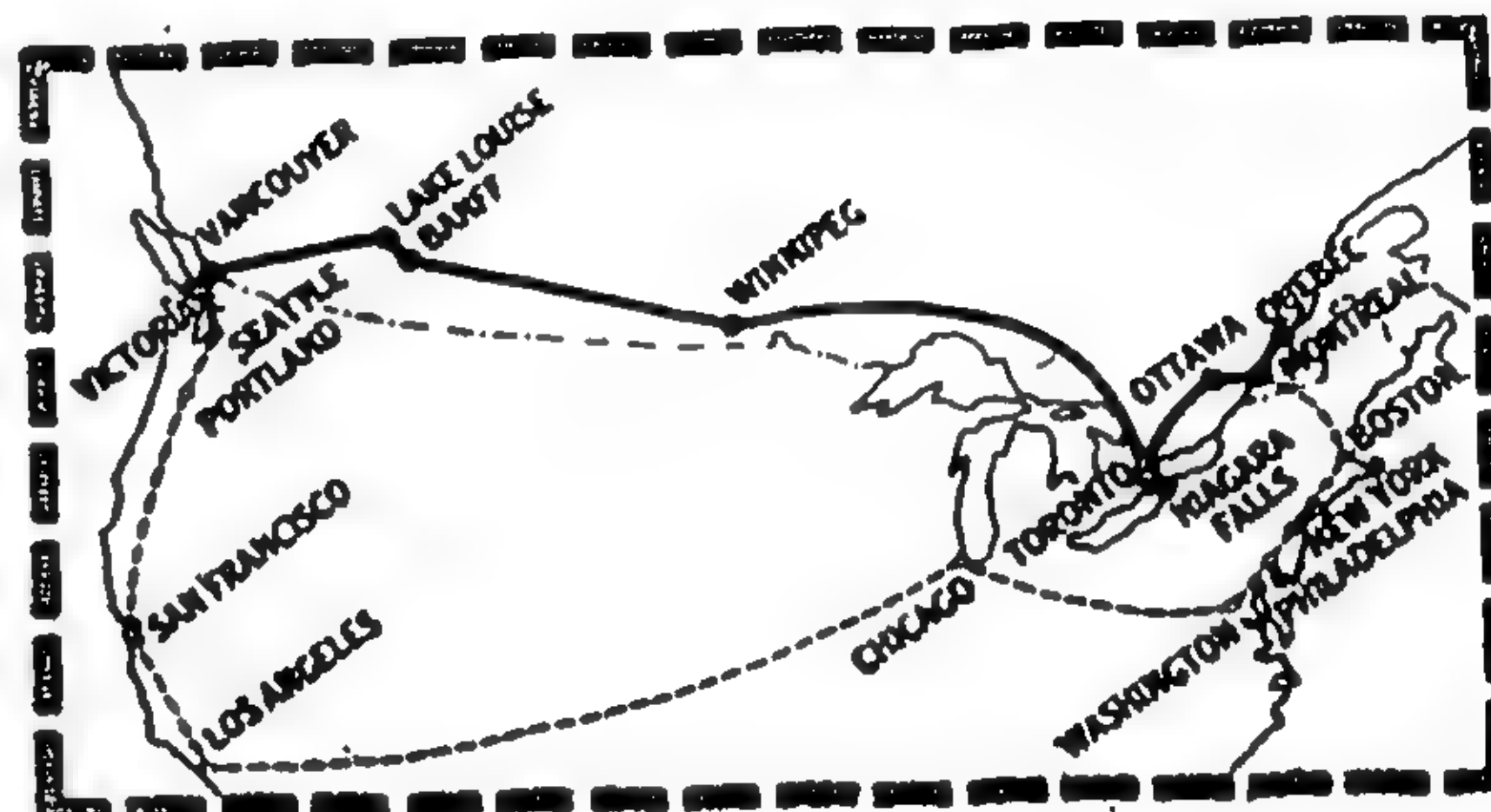
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ALLIED AIR ACTIVITY IN ABYSSINIA WAR

DETAILS OF THE Empire and Allied air forces' activities in the Abyssinian campaign, now available, show that the Free French forces cooperated with squadrons of the South African and Rhodesian Air Forces as well as the R.A.F. in widespread operations, which culminated successfully in freeing territory from the Italian yoke.

Amongst diverse aircraft used—they ranged from Hartbeestes to Hurricanes—were several German-built machines—Ju 86's—flown by the S.A.A.F. In all the total allied strength varied between 160 and 190 aircraft.

Enemy strength, it is believed, never exceeded 220 at one time of which 140 were bombers and 70 fighters.

It is calculated that up to July 17 some 306 enemy aircraft had been destroyed at a cost of 144 to the Allies.

Six squadrons of Allied bombers to that date had raided 121 different target areas in over 650 separate attacks.

Ingenious camouflage by the Italians was a noticeable feature of the campaign but Allied reconnaissance aircraft seem readily to have spotted the attempted deception which included the creation of artificial dust storms by running the aircrews of unserviceable aircraft placed on the edges of aerodromes.

Allied operations were carried out from Aden, the Sudan and Kenya and gradually attained intensity until in August, 1940, the three pronged attack by the R.A.F. and Rhodesian air forces had covered points from Maserawa to Kismayu and from Mogadiscio to Gondar.

In September, 1940, in the Gondar region a successful raid destroyed a large ammunition dump amongst other successes.

With the invasion of Abyssinia the air forces operated in close cooperation with the troops and from February, 1941, onwards were more directly concerned with support of the ground forces.

Red Sea Action

In March and April, Swordfish of the Fleet Air Arm joined the R.A.F. in the attack on five destroyers in the Red Sea and when the general offensive was accelerated towards the end of April bombing sorties increased, as many as 225 being made against enemy troop concentrations in a single week.

After the Duke of Aosta's surrender in May the campaign gradually diminished and by June 17 air operations mainly consisted in harassing remnants of the Italian forces in central Abyssinia. — British Wireless.

CAPTURE OF ASSAB DISCLOSURE

CAPTURE OF THE POST OF ASSAB, WHICH PROVED THE FINAL NAIL IN THE COFFIN OF THE ITALIAN EAST AFRICAN EMPIRE, WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY INDIAN TROOPS, THE ROYAL NAVY AND THE R.A.F. BY A WELL-PLANNED ATTACK, IT WAS REVEALED YESTERDAY.

The attack, which was a complete surprise, took place one morning in June and was phenomenally successful, our forces sustaining no casualties.

One Italian was killed while more than 1,000 Italians, with 35 Germans, were captured.

Large quantities of rifles, machine-guns and ammunition were also secured with little damage to the harbour installations.

The town offered little resistance, the general attitude being one of resignation and relief that all was over.

But for the element of surprise in the attack, it is considered that Assab might have been a hard nut to crack. — Reuter.

NEW YORK I.L.O. MEETING

ALL MEMBER STATES HAVE BEEN CONVENED TO A CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION OPENING IN NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 27.

The agenda will include the report of the Acting Director of the International Labour Office on Activities since the last meeting in the summer of 1939 and a discussion of the Report on collaboration between public authorities and employers and workers organisations which will afford an opportunity for a survey of social developments throughout the world at this critical time as well as of the present and future responsibilities of the International Labour Organisation.

Member States have been reminded they are entitled to send a delegation consisting of two government representatives and one each of employers and workers.—British Wireless.

COAL RATIONING POSSIBLE

The possibility of coal rationing in the coming winter was mentioned by Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, speaking during the coal debate in the Commons yesterday.

"It may well be," he said, "that in winter time we may have to have a comprehensive scheme of rationing for all non-industrial uses of coal and different forms of fuel.

"Though that may well be, I think we can be fairly certain that it is not likely that our war effort this winter will be impeded for lack of fuel or power, or that the public will still have to suffer an unreasonable rationing scheme." — Reuter.

DOMINION STATUS

The India and Burma (Postponement of Elections) Bill passed the second Reading in the Lords yesterday without division.

The Duke of Devonshire, replying to the debate, said the object of Government remained the same namely to bring about a state of affairs in India so that she will be able to obtain full Dominion status and become an equal partner in the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The overwhelming majority of the people of India were wholeheartedly with Britain in the war effort, the Under-Secretary for India added.—British Wireless.

LULL IN "Y" WATER-POLO TOURNAMENT

IN ORDER THAT THE ARMY LARGE AND SMALL UNITS WATER-POLO TOURNAMENTS (KNOCK-OUT) MAY BE CONCLUDED WITHOUT ANY DELAY, THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF THE Y.M.C.A. INVITATION WATER-POLO TOURNAMENT DECIDED AT A MEETING LAST WEEK TO "SLOW DOWN" ON THEIR PROGRAMME UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE ARMY MATCHES.

Up-to-date 115 matches have been played out of a total of 182 games, and though it was originally intended to bring this tour ment to a conclusion by the end of August, it may be necessary, as a result of this "temporary stoppage" to extend the season to the first or second week of September.

The quarter-final games in the Army tournaments will be decided some time during the week, and it is understood the semi-finals will be played on Wednesday, August 13.

Latest positions of the teams in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Tournament are—

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Signals	18	16	1	1	97	16	33
Middlesex "A"	18	16	1	2	95	19	32
Y.M.C.A.	17	14	3	0	83	22	28
R. Scots "A"	18	12	5	1	83	38	25
R. Navy "C"	18	10	6	2	49	41	22
R. Navy "A"	16	10	5	1	55	35	21
C. Small Units	18	9	8	1	54	62	19
8th Regt. R.A.	16	8	8	2	38	63	12
5th A.A. Regt. R.A.	16	5	9	2	43	50	12
Middlesex "B"	17	8	11	1	35	63	11
95th Bty. R.A.	17	2	13	2	29	66	6
R. Navy "B"	10	2	7	1	11	40	5
36th Bty. R.A.	15	1	13	1	17	73	3
R. Scots "B"	17	0	16	1	18	80	1

SOUTH CHINA AQUATIC GALA

At North Point last night South China Athletic Association held its second swimming gala of the season. Following are the results:—

50 Metres Back-Stroke:—1. Ngau Leung-wah; 2. Fong Kwok-yu; 3. The Sil-ho. Time: 41.2.5.
200 Metres Breast-Stroke:—1. Ho Bun-kun; 2. Kam Wah; 3. Tsang Yeung. Time: 3.9.3.5.
Ladies' 100 Metres Free-Style:—1. Li Po-luen; 2. Chiu So-bik; 3. Ho Wai-mui. Time: 1.41.
50 Metres:—1. Au Leung-wah; 2. Fong Kwok-yu; 3. Cheung Siu-cho. Time: 31.4.5.
50 Metres Handicap (Training Class):—1. Yeung On-ping; 2. Fong Kwok-yu; 3. Li Yiu-sing.
200 Metres Breast-Stroke (Handicap):—1. Cho Sal-oh; 2. Tsang Yeung; 3. Wong Tak-keung.
50 Metres Blindfold:—1. Chan Chung-chak; 2. Wong Lan-san.
Ladies' 200 Metres Breast-Stroke (Handicap):—1. Chiu So-bik; 2. Ho Wai-mui; 3. Li Po-luen.
Under Water Swimming:—1. Lam Kul-on (37.2 metres); 2. Kwok Chi-ling (28); 3. Wong Char-man (28.3).
Water Polo:—South China lost to Chinese Bathing Club 2-1.

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AN ALL-HONG KONG SCHOOLS' CRICKET LEAGUE SUGGESTED

ALTHOUGH THE CRICKET SEASON IS STILL A MONTH AWAY, INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE LEAGUE WILL BE RUN AGAIN THIS YEAR, VOLUNTEER DUTIES AND OTHER CLAIMS ON THE PLAYERS' TIME NOTWITHSTANDING.

INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING ENTRIES

Owing to the mid-summer holidays, the inter-school swimming meet for boys and girls organised by Victoria Recreation Club has not received the support anticipated but sufficient entries have been received from the few schools participating to ensure some measure of success.

Among the girls taking part are several who have figured prominently at the various club galas and among these are the Misses J. Anderson, Y. Yolie, Ko Mui-ling and C. Guterres.

Following are the events and entries.

SENIORS

200 Yards free-style Relay: Diocesan Boys' School, La Salle, St. Stephen's College.

150 Yards Medley Relay: Diocesan Boys' School, La Salle College "A", La Salle College "B", St. Stephen's College.

100 Yards free-style: C. R. Rossetti (D.B.S.), J. Gomes (La Salle), and Wm. Teo, Wolfgang Yui, Ma Chang-shing, Then Han-hoi, Leung Ming-sen, Khoo Kwen-hwie (St. Stephen's).

220 Yards free-style: J. Roza-Pereira (La Salle), and Wm. Teo, Tan Yoo-chai, Ma Chang-shing, Boone Siong-tay, and Tan Tok-wei (St. Stephen's).

100 Yards back-stroke: Mak Ting-chee and G. Rossetti (D.B.S.), Kwong Chiu-shung (La Salle), Wolfgang Yui, Tan Yoo-chai, Chen Yen-shan and Leung Kai-wai (St. Stephen's).

100 Yards back-stroke: G. Rossetti (D.B.S.), A. V. Lopes (La Salle) and Ip Ting-yue, Then Han-hoi and Boone Siong-tay (St. Stephen's).

Diving: C. Whitfield (D.B.S.), Marcus Ng and B. Pomeroy (La Salle), and Wolfgang Yui, Chang On, Ma Chang-shing, Leung Ming-sen, Ng Siew-hoo (St. Stephen's).

JUNIORS

220 Yards free-style Relay: Nam Wah School, La Salle College, St. Stephen's College.

150 Yards Medley Relay: Nam Wah College, La Salle College, St. Stephen's College.

100 Yards free-style: Lee Cheuk-lam (Nam Wah School), R. Souza (La Salle), and K. Thomas, Chew Yen-fwee, Kosefr, Wong Peng-kin, Wong Peng-kwong (St. Stephen's).

50 Yards free-style: Lee Shiu-lung, Ching Koon-ye, Lee Cheuk-lam (Nam Wah School), W. Ribeiro (La Salle), Ko Wai-long (St. Joseph's), K. Thomas, Kosefr, Chen Yen-fwee, Wong Ping-kin, Wong Ping-kwong (St. Stephen's).

50 Yards back-stroke: Ching Koon-ye (Nam Wah School), C. Guterres (La Salle), Chen Yen-fwee (St. Stephen's).

GIRLS

200 Yards free-style Relay: St. Mary's School and French Convent.

50 Yards free-style: Miss C. Guterres (St. Mary's School), Miss Ko Mui-ling (Ying Wah School), Miss J. Anderson, Miss Y. Yolie and Miss J. Arguill (French Convent).

50 Yards back-stroke: Miss C. Guterres (St. Mary's School), Miss J. Anderson and Miss Y. Yolie (French Convent).

50 Yards breast-stroke: Miss C. Monteiro (St. Mary's School), Miss Y. Yolie (French Convent).

Diving: Miss C. Guterres (St. Mary's School), Miss J. Anderson (French Convent).

TRIAL CANCELLED

Owing to the absence of W. Lawrence, Noel Hammond and other swimmers, the trial which was to have been held at Victoria Recreation Club yesterday to select the team to represent Combined V.R.C. and Y.M.C.A. in the Charity Swimming Gala on Saturday next was cancelled.

Ching Wing section of Chinese Y.M.C.A. are meeting Chinese Bathing Club in a swimming contest at Bridges Street this evening, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Enquiries from an official of the League elicited the information that the Annual General Meeting of the League will be called towards the end of this month, or early in September, when the season's fixtures will be drawn up, while from another source it is learned that more Sunday matches will be played this year than was the case last season.

A suggestion has been made regarding the organisation of a Schools' League, and, though confirmation is lacking, it is understood that a meeting of the schools will be called prior to the League meeting. If the former should decide in favour of running a competition, the League will be approached for assistance in the matter of grounds, though as far as can be seen at the present this would be more a question to be decided by the different cricket clubs of the Colony than the League.

Queen's Below Standard

Queen's College, one time boasting several excellent boy cricketers, appear to be unable to get out of the doldrums into which they sank a few years back. This is difficult to understand in view of the fact that the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School send up groups of boys every year who are keen on the game.

Central British School, for many years one of the leading school teams, producing players like W. S. Gegg (University), K. M. Baxter (Kowloon C.C.), G. Ainslie (Civil Service) and R. Holden, formerly of Hong Kong Cricket Club, is now no more due to the evacuation.

For the past year or two, La Salle has boasted the best results from the "nursery" point of view, and Club de Recreio have benefited greatly. Two of La Salle's most promising youngsters, young Carvalho and da Roza, are at present in Australia and reports from "down under" indicate that they have done quite well in cricket in their respective schools, where the advantage of coaching has shown its results.

CHANGES IN BOWLS TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

ONLY MINOR CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE BY CLUB DE RECREIO "A" FOR THEIR FIRST DIVISION BOWLS MATCH AGAINST K.B.G.C. "B" ON SATURDAY NEXT.

In J. F. V. Ribeiro's rink Marques takes the place of Roza-Pereira at No. 2, the latter going to the same position for Alves in place of Barros. In Luz's four C. M. Silva comes in as second man in place of L. J. Silva.

Volunteer duties will again upset the Recreio programme this week, and have resulted in the postponement of their "B" match against Kowloon Cricket Club.

In Second Division the only change made in the team is that A. J. Osmund, who played for their "B" in First Division, last week as lead to E. Souza, comes into the side and lead to A. P. Pereira, vice M. L. Roza. There are quite a few changes in their Third Division team. Pereira replaces A. Ribeiro as lead to M. F. Alarcon to mark the only change in this year, but E. M. Alarcon and d'Almeida take the places of G. Pinna and A. Silva as Nos. 1 and 2 respectively to Yvanovich.

In M. F. Pinna's rink H. M. Xavier, who was No. 3 last week, moved up to No. 2 in place of Campos, while his own place at No. 3 will be taken by A. A. da Roza.

No 1's Switched

Police Recreation Club's team in First Division for this week has been slightly altered, with Gough, lead to Post last week, and Cameron, No. 1 to Fender, switching positions. In Post's four, also, Nolan comes in as No. 3 in place of Perkins.

Two of their Third Division rinks are unchanged, but the vacancy in MacDonald's four, caused by Nolan's pro-



A tense moment during the Mindanao v Chung Hwa baseball tilt on Saturday last, when the sailors made almost sure of the pennant for the second year in succession by winning by 14-1. "Grandpa" Leung, coach and first base of Chung Hwa, is seen here at bat with Tony Mascavage coaching. The umpire is Sgt. Welford, Royal Engineers.

TWO CLOSE OPEN PAIRS MATCHES

Two of the few remaining games in the Second Round of the Colony's Lawn Bowls Pairs championship were played yesterday and both were closely contested.

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club J. F. MacGowan and N. J. Bebbington beat J. J. Basto and C. H. Basto by 16-15.

Thanks to a four at the third, Bebbington led by 6 shots before the Portuguese pair opened their scoring. At the 10th MacGowan and Bebbington led 8-4 and increased the lead to 13-3 at the 16th.

With a single followed by a five the Bastos took the lead for the first time at 14-13, but MacGowan and Bebbington then scored a single and a two and conceded a single at the last to win by one shot, after scoring at 12 ends.

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A Useful Run

At Hong Kong Football Club, R. Morrison and J. V. Ramsey of Kowloon Docks beat G. V. McGrath and V. H. Freeman of Prison Officers' Club by 20-17.

The Stanley pair started off well and were leading 10-3 at the 10th. The Dock pair then scored a four and a two to reduce the lead to 10-9 but at the 15th McGrath and Freeman were leading 15-9. Morrison and Ramsey then had a run of 21143 to lead 20-15 at the 20th.

The losers scored a two at the last and registered at 11 ends.

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CLEAN SWEEP WIN

At Caroline Hill yesterday Post Office Recreation Club (1) beat Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by nine sets to nil in their postponed Fourth Division League tennis match.

J. Howlett and W. Morrison (P.O.R.C.) beat F. Y. Singh and N. Singh 6-2
beat A. H. Mehal and K. Singh 6-4
beat Y. J. Khan and S. Ramchand 6-2
D. Leonard and D. Fitches (P.O.R.C.) beat Singh and Singh 6-2
beat Mehal and Singh 6-1
beat Khan and Ramchand 6-2
S. S. Chin and S. K. Chin (P.O.R.C.) beat Singh and Singh 6-2
beat Mehal and Singh 6-3
beat Khan and Ramchand 6-1

Table To Date

FOURTH DIVISION

	Sets	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	8	8	0	0	0	0	11 1/2	16
C.C.C.	8	7	1	0	0	0	16 1/2	14
C.R.C.	7	6	1	0	0	0	18	12
F.C.	9	6	3	0	0	0	28	12
I.R.C.	7	3	3	1	0	0	38	7
A.T.C.	8	3	4	1	0	0	35 1/2	6
P.O.R.C. (1)	8	3	5	0	0	0	43	6
C.B.A.	6	2	4	0	0	0	28 1/2	4
J.R.C.	7	1	6	0	0	0	43	2
P.O.R.C. (2)	8	1	7	0	0	0	58	2
K.I.T.C.	8	0	8	0	0	0	7 1/2	0

WORLD TROTTER RECORD

Nimble Hanover, great five-year-old trotter, covered the mile in 1 min. 58 3/4 secs., and the second mile in 1 min. 59 secs., creating a new world trotting record, when winning the Grand Circuit's Goldsmith Maid Trotting Stake, worth nearly £1,000 at Old Orchard Beach, Maine, on July 25.—Reuter.

BASKETBALL TO-DAY

Following is to-day's League Basketball programme: Ping Ching v South China, Yu Leung v National University.

FOOTBALL COACH PASSES

Howard Jones, famed football coach of the University of Southern California, died in Los Angeles on July 27.

The First Division League tennis match between South China and Kowloon Cricket Club arranged to be played this afternoon has been postponed and will be played on Tuesday.

The Boys and Girls Clubs Association are holding their annual swimming gala at Victoria Recreation Club tomorrow from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., after which Mrs. F. B. Minnick will present the prizes.

KHO RETAINS TITLE

Kho Sin-kie, Chinese tennis ace, retained the Malayan lawn tennis singles title on August 4 by beating the former Malayan champion Chin Kee-onn 6-0, 6-2 at Kuala Lumpur.

In the course of the singles tournament Kho gave away only eight games.

With Mrs. R. B. C. Carter as his partner, Kho also won the mixed doubles championship for the second consecutive year by beating G. W. Plunkett and Miss M. Stokes, 6-3, 6-4.

Kho and his partner Chin Kee-onn lost in the men's doubles semi-finals to an Australian pair, G. W. Plunkett and S. Y. D. Breakpear.

The Australian pair won the doubles title by beating two young Singapore players, Robert Chia and Lim Hee-chin.—Central News.

Miss M. Stokes formerly played for Kowloon Cricket Club in the Mixed Doubles Tennis League, partnering A. E. P. Guest. She left Hong Kong at the time of the evacuation.

RECREIO TENNIS WIN

At Chater Road, Club de Recreio beat Hong Kong Cricket Club by 6 1/2 sets to 2 1/2 in the First Division of the Tennis League yesterday.

M. Pagh and C. H. R. Oxlade (H.K.C.C.) drew with A. V. Remedios and W. A. Reed 6-6
lost to J. J. Remedios and J. B. Goncalves 2-6
beat F. J. Remedios and R. M. Soares 6-3
T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (H.K.C.C.) lost to Remedios and Reed 2-6
lost to Remedios and Goncalves 4-6
drew with Remedios and Soares 6-6
L. Goldman and D. M. MacDougall (H.K.C.C.) lost to Remedios and Reed 1-6
lost to Remedios and Goncalves 4-6
drew with Remedios and Soares 6-6

Table To Date

FIRST DIVISION

	Sets	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
I.R.C.	2	2	0	0	1	1	7	4
Recreio	3	2	1	0	0	0	16 1/2	11
S.C.A.A.	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	2
K.C.C.	2	1	1	0	0	0	5	2
H.K.U.T.C.	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	0
H.K.C.C.	3	0	3	0	0	0	17	0
C.R.C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SOUTH CHINA SUCCESSFUL

At Pokfulam yesterday, South China beat Hong Kong University by 6 sets to 3 in Third Division of Lawn Tennis League.

S. L. Yong and Y. Ip (H.K.U.T.C.) lost to K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong 4-6
beat S. Y. Li and J. Kwok 6-4
drew with K. Sung and K. T. Ng 6-6
P. K. Hooi and K. Y. Tam (H.K.U.T.C.) lost to Chan and Wong 1-6
lost to Li and Kwok 1-6
lost to Sung and Ng 3-6
T. C. Lo and P. Liu (H.K.U.T.C.) beat Chan and Wong 6-4
lost to Li and Kwok 1-6
drew with Sung and Ng 6-6

Table To Date

THIRD DIVISION

	Sets	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	7	7	0	0	0	0	18 1/2	14
A.T.C.	6	5	1	0	0	0	18 1/2	10
C.R.C. (2)	7	5	2	0	0	0	20	10
C.I.R.	5	4	1	0	0	0	14	8
C.C.C.	5	4	1	0	0	0	18 1/2	6
K.I.T.C.	5	3	2	0	0	0	18	6
K.C.C.	6	2	4	0	0	0	23	4
C.R.C. (1)	3	1	2	0	0	0	14 1/2	2
K.T.G.C.A.	5	1	4	0	0	0	14 1/2	2
H.K.U.T.C.	7	1	6	0	0	0	42 1/2	2
I.R.C.	7	0	7	0	0	0	50	0

MATCH DRAWN

The two day cricket match at Lord's was left drawn, the Combined Kent and Surrey team scoring 65 for 3 in reply to Combined Middlesex and Essex side's 412 for 6 declared.—Reuter.

W. C. Hodger, Kowloon Bowling Green Club lawn bowler, played his last game in Hong Kong on Saturday when he turned out in his usual position as lead to F. A. Peckham's "B" team rink in First Division. He will be leaving the Colony very shortly for Australia, to join his family, prior to returning to England.

BOBBY JONES WILL PLAY IN BENEFIT GOLF

The desire to do his bit for the armed forces is going to bring back Robert Tyre Jones for another competitive golf fling.

The Professional Golf Association of America has announced that Bobby, famed for his 1930 sweep of the American and British open and amateur golf titles, would captain and play with a picked squad in a challenge match August 22-23 against the association's Ryder Cup team.

Proceeds of the event, for which a site remains to be selected, will go to the United States Service Organisations, which raise funds for the recreation of soldiers and sailors.

Eager To Help

"Leading tournament golfers of this country are eager to do their part in our present preparedness effort," said the P.G.A. announcement, "and nothing seems more important than the effort of the United States Service Organisations to give active expression to our military personnel of the determination of the civilian population to stand behind them."

Tom Walsh, President of the P.G.A., said the match resulted from recent conversations with Jones, who will select his own team. Conditions of play, he added, would be the same as in international competition. 36-hole foursomes on the first day and 36-hole single matches on the second.

The Ryder Cup squad, which continues to exist formally but is inactive because the war prevents its customary duel with the British pros, includes 10 players: Henry Picard, Byron Nelson, Paul Runyan, Sam Snead, Horton Smith, Dick Metz, Jimmy Hines, Ralph Guldahl, Harold McSpaden and Vic Ghezzi.

Jones' Selections

The team Jones will select is a matter of speculation. Almost certainly, however, is Craig Wood, who won Jones' own Masters tournament and followed up with national open honors. The annual Masters' event is the only com-

REIDY QUALIFIES

M. L. Reidy, with a score of 87-17=70, qualified for the Captain's Cup for August at Fanling. There were five entries.

The Ecclectic competition of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Deep Water Bay for June and July in aid of the Bomber Fund resulted in a tie between Lt. Col. J. D. Way and Paymaster Commander C. B. Hickman, with 29-6=23. There were 94 entries.

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petitive golf Jones indulges in since he chose to retire.

Other candidates for the challenging team include such favorites as Jimmy Demaret, Lawson Little, Ben Hogan, and Gene Sarazen.

However, it makes little difference to Walter Hagen, honorary captain of the Ryder Cup team. In accepting Jones' challenge, Hagen said the Ryder Cup team was willing at all times to aid in the national preparedness programme and then confidently predicted that Bobby's team will go down in defeat as did the team captained and picked by Sarazen a year ago. He referred to the 1940 Red Cross benefit match.

FOOTBALL STARTS ON STONECUTTERS

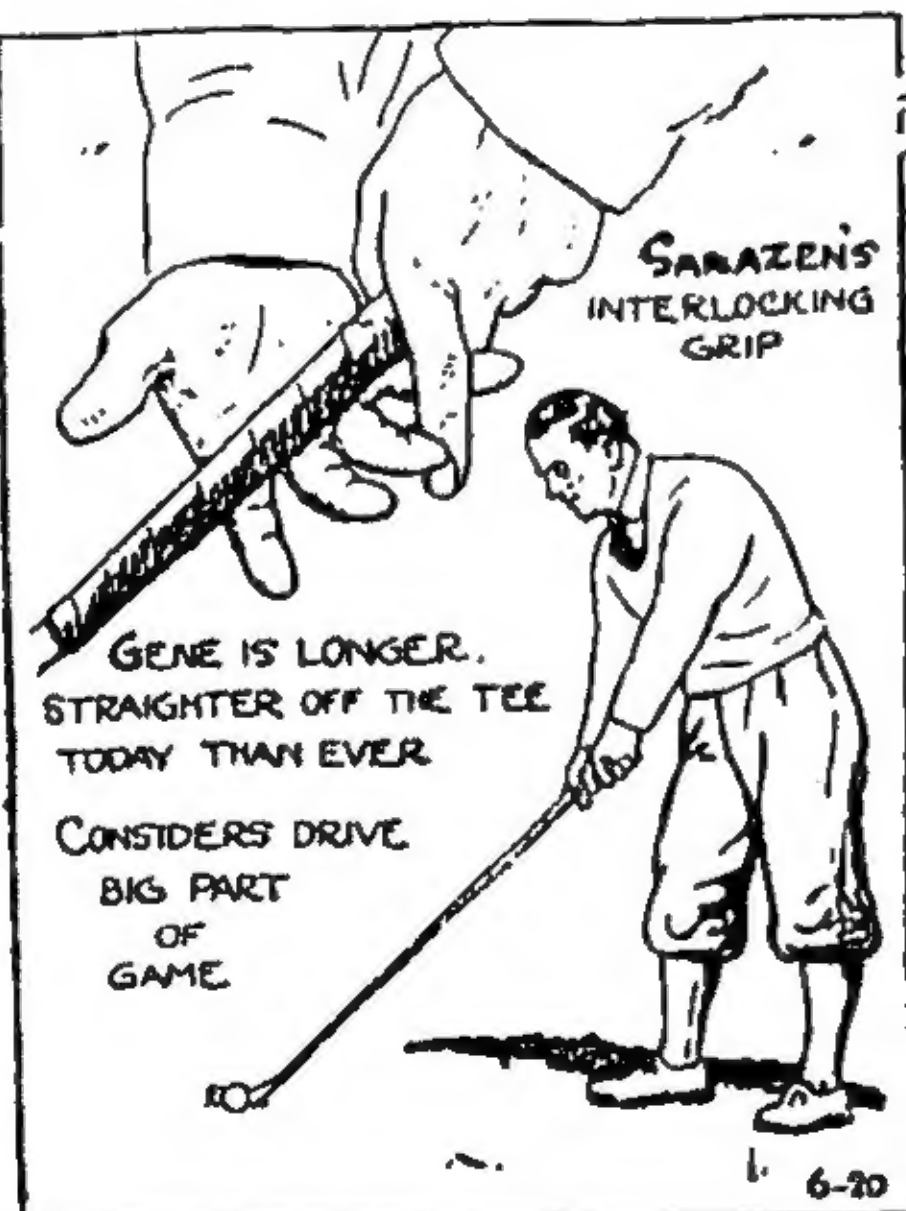
Early August is hardly the weather for soccer, but 22 hardy souls on Stonecutters Island yesterday decided it was cool enough for some pre-season practice, and the result was a very good game between Stonecutters East against Stonecutters South. So close, in fact was the match, that the end of 60 minutes' play found the score a dead blank.

There was a suggestion about extra time, but it was generally agreed that an hour of strenuous football in this weather was quite enough for even the keenest, so the teams decided to cool down with a bathe at one of the excellent beaches on the island, agreeing to battle again some other evening on the football field.

It may not be generally known that Stonecutters boast two football fields, one in the South and the other in the East. Yesterday, South were playing at home, but when they meet again East will enjoy the ground advantage. Included in the East team were three Navy League footballers, Croft, Breese and Le Page, the last-named playing a good game at inside-right. Richardson, left-back, also played well for the "Easterners".

"South" included three Chinese, who showed good ball control with Ho Sun, at right-back, outstanding.

The teams were:
East: Goodwin, Tract, Richardson, Sacer, Hall, Croft, Breese, Le Page, Perkins, Bell and Burford.
South: Seabrook, Ho Sun, Toplift, Smith, Baxter, Yee Fook, Nickerson, Burns, Cross, Burrows and Tsang Sik-hong.



movement in both. Sarazen's complaint is that in various championship matches his hands have turned at important moments sending the ball astray.

Now driving better than ever, Sarazen admits this factor has improved his game during the past two years. In fact he frankly admits that long, straight tee shots are one of the most important adjuncts to a golfer's game. Not only do they inspire confidence in one's play but they place one in a strategic position on succeeding shots. With few exceptions the player who is near enough the green to use an iron with a fair amount of loft has an advantage over one who has to resort to a spoon or heavy iron to reach the same objective. Next Article: — Changed Putting Stance.

WORLD RECORD 5,000 METRES WALK

Seimeczy, Hungarian heel-and-toe specialist, set a new world's record for walking during a Budapest meet on July 27, covering 5,000 metres in 20 minutes 46 and 3-10 seconds.

The former record was held by the American, William Plant, with a time of 21 minutes 50.6 seconds, and was established in 1925.

SHANGHAI TENNIS TOURNEY

The draws for the Shanghai Men's Singles and Doubles Tennis championships, and the International Doubles tourney were recently announced, and a glance through the names will indicate that in the absence of the titleholder, Lew Carson, competition will be very keen for the singles crown.

On current form Humberto Collaco and Poker Tong are conceded the best chance of bringing off the championship, with the Okada-Kiyosu and Poker Tong-Kho Sun-oi the most favoured combinations in the doubles event, while Japan should annex the International Doubles trophy.

Most interest in the tournaments will be centred round the Doubles where no fewer than 20 pairs are out for the honours. Squires, in partnership with Sullivan, will have a hard passage if they are to break through to the final brackets as the opposition in their section of the draw is studded with potential champions.

In the upper half Green and Indrickson are outstanding. China has 11 players in the Singles tourney out of the 17 and

WARMERDAM ALMOST TOPS SIXTEEN FEET

CORNELIUS WARMERDAM DUSTED OFF THE MOON THE OTHER NIGHT, WRITES AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT.

It was at the Compton invitational meet, when he officially soared 15 feet 5 3/4 inches into the ozone, and unofficially went 3 1/4 inches higher a little later.

While he was doing all this, a lone figure stood off to one side and watched it with a look of bewilderment. He was Earle Meadows, who a few short years ago startled the sports world by leaping 14 feet 11 inches for Southern California. In the Compton meet, Meadows, competing for the Olympic Club, was only able to reach 13 1/2 feet.

Another sensational event of the meet was the performance of Leslie MacMillan of New York University who ran his opposition into the ground in the 1,500-metre event to set a new meet record of 3:51.4.

This was the first local appearance for the lad from the sidewalks of New York who is hailed as the nearest thing to the four-minute miler since Glenn Cunningham was in his heyday. MacMillan recently made the route in 4:07.4 at Madison Square Garden, and as he is only a junior, he should be able to improve that time.

R. E. WIN

Royal Engineers defeated European Press 4-2 in a snooker and billiards tournament last night.

Snooker:—S. Sgt. Rogers beat J. R. Luke 64-57; Q.M.S. Brannon beat M. R. Abbas 50-49; Sgt. Blackman lost to G. W. Giffen 27-49.

Billiards:—S. Sgt. Megso beat R. Goldman 100-52; Sgt. Shipp lost to A. T. Lee 99-100; S. M. Wellwood beat J. R. Luke 100-65.

from the draw an all-China final is not an impossibility. Humberto Collaco should figure in the final round, despite the obstacles in his path, with Poker Tong in the top half. Tennis Kwok, former Hong Kong tennis player, is also in the competition.

Taking the League tussles as a criterion, Japan should walk off with the Roper Cup easily.

ROYALS' SOFTBALL WIN OVER "Y."

A very enjoyable softball match was played on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park, yesterday between a team representing the "Y" and a Royal Scots (Kai Tak) team, the latter winning by 20-14. Both teams were making their first appearance in match-play so that it will be readily understood that what was lacking in science was more than made up for by the enthusiasm on the part of both teams.

Royal Scots had a "dress rehearsal" earlier in the afternoon when they figured in a pick-up game at Kai Tak, and with the confidence thus gained, they started in great style against the "Y", chalking up no less than 6 runs in the first innings.

The "Y" had a poor start, only managing one run in three innings but after being led 12-1 at the third, they staged an uprising in the 4th when eight of their players crossed the plate.

Welford, who has had previous experience in softball, was outstanding for the "Y" in the short-stop station, while Manson played a good game for the winners at centre-field.

Y.M.C.A.	ROYAL SCOTS
Binnings	p Hanson
Killeen	c Clark
Hubert	1b Woods
Davis	2b McGarry
Welford	ss McKay
Kelly	3b Marshall
Grant	lf Sutherland
Ramage	cf Manson
Cane	rf Walters

Scores:—
Royal Scots 6 0 6 0 1 0 1 6 0 = 20
Y.M.C.A. 0 1 0 8 0 2 0 3 0 = 14

A bowls team from Lane Crawford's met Hong Kong Electric at Ming Yuen last night in a floodlit game and won 68-57.

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Assurances Requested In House Of Commons

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HELP GIVEN BY THE UNITED STATES IN BLOCKADING THE AXIS POWERS WAS EMPHASISED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal, Wolverhampton) asked for an assurance that the Economic Sanctions put into operation in the Far East would so function that oil and other war supplies would, in practice, as well as in theory, cease to be available to Japan in respect of the territories of Britain, the United States and the Netherlands.

Mr. Richard Law, new Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that consultations with the other Government concerned regarding the application of the far-reaching financial measures of control which have been introduced were still in progress.

There was no doubt that the operation of these measures was already practical and not theoretical and their effect on supplies for Japan would be serious.

When Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour, Derby) asked him to impress on the U.S. Government that the best way to prevent war in the Far East was to stop all oil supplies now, Mr. Law said the U.S. Government was fully aware of the situation. — Reuter.

SERIOUS BELGRADE OUTBREAK

Germans are alarmed by the serious turn that anti-Nazi disorders have taken in Yugoslavia.

A threatening proclamation by the German commandant in Belgrade warns the Serbs that "the hour is coming to decide on the rise or final descent of the Serbian people."

According to the Berlin correspondent of the Zurich "National Zeitung" the Nazis now admit that 500 or 600 "escaped convicts," whom they blamed for the disorders, have been joined by "other sections of the population." — Reuter.

RUMOUR OF U.S. HINT TO BRAZIL ON AZORES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The United States Government, it was rumoured in Washington yesterday, wants Brazil to take over the protection of the Azores the moment there appears a danger of the islands falling into German hands.

It is pointed out that Brazil would be gravely menaced if the Azores are German-dominated.

The United States feels Brazil is a suitable nation to take over the islands because of their common language and heritage.

AMERICAN SUPPORT, INCLUDING NAVAL AND MILITARY, WOULD BE GIVEN IF NECESSARY.

It is felt that such a move by Brazil would be a striking indication of inter-American solidarity and a warning to aggressors.

The U.S. Government is pressing Latin-America to assume its share of responsibility for hemisphere defence, and Brazil's adherence to such a plan would have a tremendous effect in rallying over other Latin-American countries. — International News Service.

MOSCOW CALMLY CONFIDENT

Mr. Harry Hopkins, whose return to Britain from Moscow was announced on Sunday, was still resting in the country yesterday after his strenuous journey, according to official circles in London.

It may be assumed that before Mr. Hopkins returns to the U.S. he will be able to give Mr. Churchill an up-to-date account of his impressions of Moscow, which will be of great value.

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS MR. HOPKINS CONFIRMS REPORTS FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT STALIN AND SOVIET OFFICIALS IN GENERAL ARE HIGHLY CONFIDENT OF THEIR ABILITY TO WARD OFF GERMANY'S NEXT AND THIRD MAIN OFFENSIVE. — REUTER.

STOP PRESS

The Indian Football Association shield match at Calcutta yesterday between Mohan Bagan and a military team again resulted in a draw, the sides sharing four goals, in spite of extra time.

In other matches Aryans, holders, eliminated Bhowanipore by three clear goals and Calcutta Football Club beat Sporting Union by the only goal scored.

In the only fixture in the Calcutta Football League an unruly section of the crowd brought the game between the Mahomedan Sporting Club and Dalhousie to an abrupt conclusion when the latter were leading by 3 goals to 1.

Following the sending off of a Mahomed Sporting Club player the crowd invaded the field and assaulted the referee, who had to be rescued by the Police. — Reuter.

War orders placed with various industries in the United Provinces during the first six months of 1941 total over 12 crores of rupees. The main industries are now becoming more and more engaged in war supplies. — Reuter.

Uproarious scenes in the Bengal Legislative Assembly yesterday necessitated an adjournment when a Minister and an Opposition member attempted to address the House simultaneously, to the accompaniment of shouts from the respective supporters. — Reuter.

It is officially announced in Bangkok that Thailand has recognised Manchukuo.

The recognition was made in a telegram from the Premier, Luang Pibul, to the Manchu Premier saying the Thai Government is pleased to recognise the State of Manchukuo "whose trade relations with Thailand all along have been cordial." — Reuter.

The Director of Medical Services has just issued a general invitation to all doctors trained in Western medicine methods who have not been admitted to the Hong Kong Medical Register to send their names, addresses, details of medical qualifications and knowledge of languages to Government Medical Headquarters if they are willing to serve in a local emergency. The Director of Medical Services emphasises that the invitation is addressed primarily to those doctors who are not normally registrable locally, and that the mere offer of services in an emergency does not confer upon such persons any privilege or permission to practise Western medicine for gain in Hong Kong between now and the potential emergency.

RUSSIANS HIT BACK IN NORTH

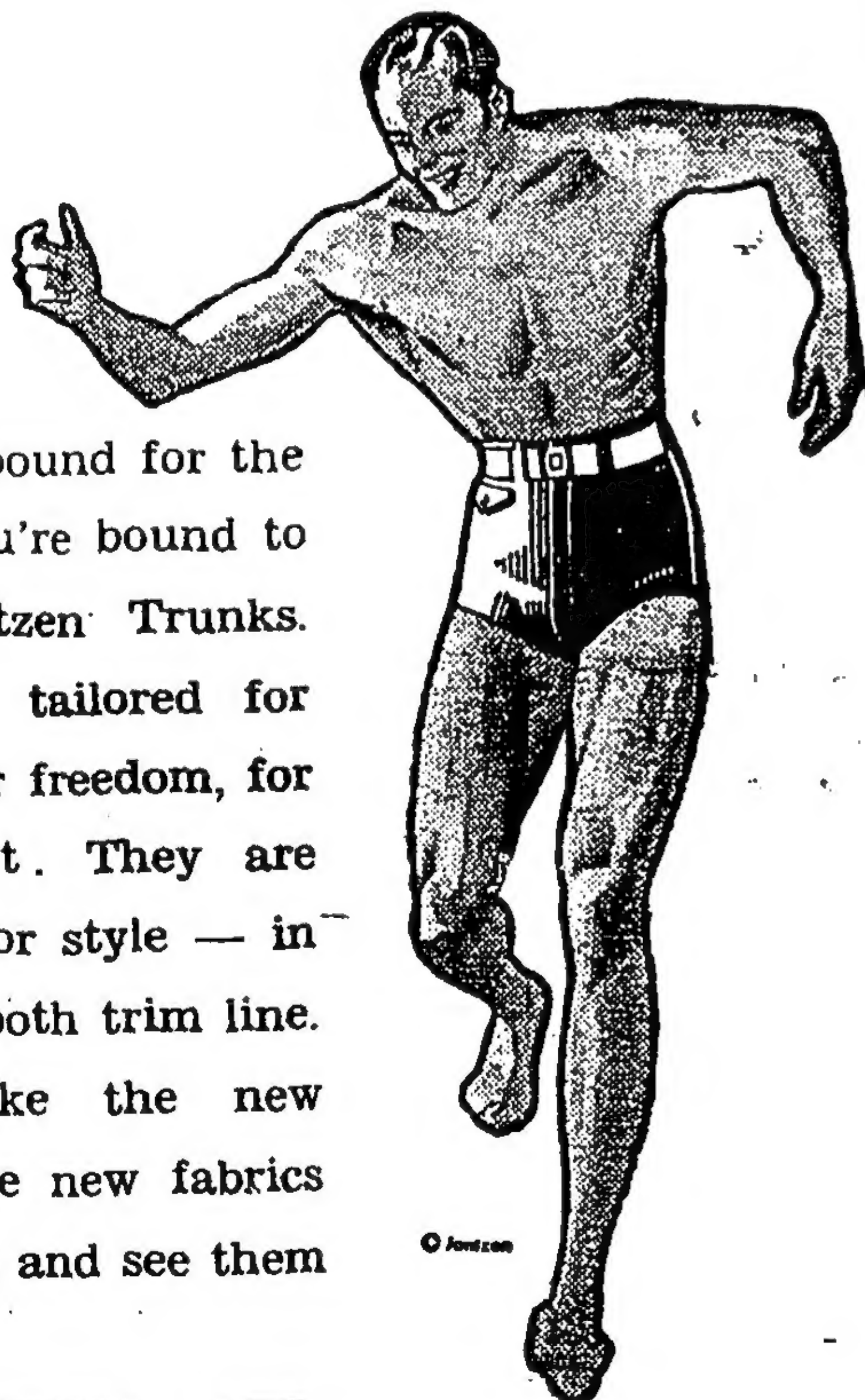
(Continued from Page 1) south of Kiev and predict "an early victorious end" of the Smolensk offensive. Desperate and heavy Russian counter-attacks are continuing, the Germans admit. — International News Service.

Prisoners' Stories

A Moscow communique states that 35 prisoners taken in the direction of Byelaya-Serkov said they had subsisted on cats, dogs and fieldmice and had been tortured by thirst because the peasants had destroyed everything, including wells.

Soviet planes gave them no rest day or night so they were unable to dig wells. — British Wireless.

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